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Marriages.

BAUME—VINTNER.—June 24, 1902, at St. Philip's Church, Church-hill, Sydney, by the Rev. Archdeacon Langley, Walter James Loshe, second son of the late Langley, Walter James Loshe, second son of the late Hon. John Eales, M.L.C., of Duckenfield Park, Morpeth, to Mary Imelda, only daughter of the late John Nathan Vintner, C.S., of North Sydney.

Deaths.

BELL.—June 26, at Brisbane, Elizabeth Bell, widow of the late James Thomas Bell, formerly of Belmont, New South Wales.

CHAPTER.—June 29, 1902, at the Coast Hospital, Samuel Chapter (Black Sam), for many years in the service of Capt. A. W. Jack.

COLE.—July 1, 1902, at Alma-street, Paddington, of apoplexy, Charles Henman Cole, aged 63 years.

CROSSING.—June 29, at her residence, Enfield, Mud-gee, P. M. Crossing, aged 76 years.

DEUCHARS.—July 1, at her parents' residence, Red Rock, via Bulli, Illawarra-street, Balmain (Roselle), Ada Isabel, infant daughter of John and Frances Deuchars, aged 12 days.

FARRANER.—July 2, 1902, at her residence, 20 Padding-ton-street, Paddington, Winifred, dearly beloved wife of Mr John Farraner, aged 71 years. R.I.P.

ISRAEL.—July 2, 1902, at her late residence, 15 Chapman-street, Moore Park, Maria, beloved wife of the late Samuel Israel, after a short and painful illness. May God rest her soul.

ISRAEL.—July 2, 1902, at her late residence, 15 Chapman-street, Moore Park, Maria, the dearly beloved mother of Mrs. J. Stirling, Mrs. K. Simmons, Mr. R. Israel, Mrs. Mosquito, and Mrs. M. Berg.

ISRAEL.—July 2, 1902, at her late residence, 15 Chapman-street, Moore Park, Maria, beloved mother of Mr. Sydney and Mrs. Abbygale and Annie Israel, after a short and painful illness. May God rest her soul.

JONES.—July 2, 1902, at his late residence, Lennox-street, Parramatta, William Jones, aged 86 years.

PHILLIPS.—July 2, 1902, at his residence, Apsley-terrace, 253 Crown-street, Surry Hills, John Phillips, in his 89th year. By request, no flowers.

QUIDD.—July 2, at her late residence, 84½ Elizabeth-street, Redfern, Letitia, beloved sister of Mrs. G. F. Nutt, of 84 Elizabeth-street, Redfern, and Mrs. John Spence, of Coll-street, Ashfield.

SERGOONING.—June 29, 1902, at her parents' residence, Northumberland-road, Auburn, (Lillie) Louise May, aged 21 years and 9 days. Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, Annie and Will Sands. Sweet Jesus, have mercy upon her soul.

SERGOONING.—June 29, 1902, at her parents' residence, Northumberland-road, Auburn, (Lillie) Louise May, beloved youngest daughter of James and Mary Tregoning, aged 21 years and 9 days.

Dearest Lillie, you have left us,
None but our poor hearts can tell;
We have lost you, Heaven has found you;
Dearest Lillie, fare thee well.

Inserted by her loving father and mother, sisters and brothers.

TUNKS.—July 2, 1902, at the residence of his parent, Grose-street, Parramatta, Hercules Robinson, the sixth son of James Tunks, aged 30 years.

WILLIAMS.—July 3, at Kamilaroi, 69 Annandale-street, Annandale, Phœbe, the dearly beloved wife of James Williams, jun., aged 43 years.

In Memoriam.

AITKEN.—In fond and loving memory of our dear sister, Mary Ellen Aitken, who departed this life July 8, 1898, aged 22 years and 6 months. May the perpetual light shine upon her. Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and T. Ryan.

BOYCE.—In loving memory of my dear brother, Vincent Boyce, late of Murrurundi, who passed away at Stone-henge, Queensland, July 3, 1900. Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Lydia and Frederick Wilson.

BYRD.—In loving memory of John Cobb, late Bando, Gundagai, N.S.W., died at Brisbane, July 3, 1901, within a few days of his return from active service in S. Africa.

A heart as true as ever beat
Has passed away from earth.
His memory dwells within the hearts
Of those who knew his worth.

Mildred Lemprière.

DOUGLASS.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Andrew Gun Douglass, who died on July 3rd, 1896. He has but gone before. Inserted by his loving sisters, Sophia Downes, Lizzie, Jenny, and Nelly Douglass.

EDWARDS.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Phœbe Elizabeth, who departed this life July 3, 1896, aged 72. Dead but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, George and Alice Edwards.

EVANS.—In ever loving remembrance of my father and mother, the late Thomas and Hannah Evans, who died February the 27th, 1874, and July 3, 1891, aged 83 and 79 years. Inserted by their daughter, Mrs. A. Hodrick.

HANSFORD.—In sacred memory of my dear mother, who departed this life July 3, 1900. Inserted by her loving son, F. Hansford.

MULLINS.—In loving memory of our dear nephew, Gerald Arthur Leslie Mullins, who died at Prince Alfred Hospital, July 2, 1901, aged 3 years 7 months. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving uncle and aunt, Oswald J. and D. M. Lewis, Bellinger Heads.

PATERNOSTER.—In loving memory of our dearly loved daughter, Florence, who was called away July 3rd, 1901.

The charmed circle broken—a dear face
Missed day by day from its accustomed place.
But cleansed and saved and perfected by grace.
One more in Heaven.

Inserted by her loving father, mother, and sister.

PALMER.—In loving memory of Frances Palmer, who departed this life July 3, 1901. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Louie Mansfield and 4 grandchildren.

PATERNOSTER.—In fond memory of our dear father, George Paternoster, who died July 3rd, 1901, aged 67 years. Inserted by his loving sons and daughters, Arthur, Robert, Alfred, Mary Ann, and Rose, and daughter-in-law and grandchild, Sarah and Rosie Paternoster.

SIDEY.—In affectionate remembrance of our dearly loved child, Richard Sidey, who died at his residence, Queen's Hotel, Enmore, July 3, 1901. "And so He giveth His beloved sleep." Inserted by his nieces, Clara Sidey and Elizabeth Ireland.

Return Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. TREGONING, of Northumberland-road, Auburn, desire to THANK the Sisters of Charity, the Rev. Father O'Reilley, and the many kind friends for their sincere sympathy shown to them in the loss of their dearly loved daughter (Lilly) Louisa May.

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The Afghans were already on the ground. They brought four horses, three of which were saddled and accoutred. These were my own, and we took three more that were not our own. Our arms were swords and spears, and Murad had been sharp enough to borrow a pair of pistols for me, and a few cartridges, from one of his Turkoman comrades, and as another of the clan had taken my pistols when they took me I regarded it as a fair exchange.

We had also some flour and salted camel flesh for ourselves, grain for our horses, and half a dozen empty water skins, likewise borrowed by my companions, who were as expert at robbery as the Turkomans themselves.

In three minutes we were under way, each of us riding one horse and leading another, unnoted except by the dogs, and as they were nearly always making a row an outburst of barking was not likely to attract attention.

How soon our flight might be discovered depended entirely on Shireen. I hoped she had fallen asleep and would not waken till sunrise, though, in the circumstances, that was perhaps hardly to be expected. On the other hand, she would not, barring accidents, take alarm or divine the truth until the banquet broke up and she heard the visitors, who were sure to be noisy, going away. That might not happen for several hours, and as they would be unable to track us before daylight I reckoned confidently on a long start, and a long start meant escape from Ullahdad's clan, for, as we had each a spare horse and did not intend to let the grass grow under our feet, the odds were dead against their overtaking us.

Our first objective was the river where we had bathed on our way to the oba. What course we should take thereafter depended on circumstances. Returning to the point where we were captured was out of the question, for Ullahdad had brought us thence by roads so devious and had travelled so much by night, that we could not possibly find our way back. I have a good eye for a country and a bump of locality, but light is essential for observation.

My plan was to make for the river Murgab, beyond which lies Afghanistan, giving Herat a wide berth, for the people there being at enmity with both Turkomans and Afghans, and ourselves destitute of papers and credentials, they might lay us by the heels and as likely as not string us up.

I had gathered casually from Ullahdad's people that the nearest point on the Murgab lay some 300 miles south-east of the oba, but this was a vague estimate, the distance varying with the roads, of which there were two. The shortest traversed a little frequented stretch of sandy desert, and, though Turkoman horses can go a long way with little water, they are far inferior in that respect to camels, and camels were too slow for us, even had they been available. Moreover, we had no guide, and to venture into a desert without a guide were more hazardous than going to sea without a compass. The other, and more roundabout route, though safer in the sense that they who travelled thereby were not likely to perish of thirst or hopelessly lose their way, passed near the Kara country, and of all robbers Karas are the cruelest, which is saying a good deal. They will rob a dervish of his rags, a cripple of his crutches, and even deprive other highwaymen of their plunder. The Karas are dogs who eat dogs, and if we fell into their hands we should get no mercy. Yet thinking that with fair fortune we might escape them, I decided for the longer way.

It was a superb moonless night, but a multitude of stars shining in a sky of deepest purple, lighted us over the billowy downs, looming vaguely in the gloom.

Feeling sure that we had stolen away unperceived, and were not being pursued we went easy. No wise traveller starts on a long journey at a great speed, and as we meant to put a hundred miles between ourselves and the oba before we slept, it had been folly to press our horses needlessly. Moreover, by going slowly and silently we lessened the risk of meeting anybody who might give information as to the road we had taken.

Murad, who was exceptionally clever at detecting and interpreting distant sounds, would slip occasionally from his saddle and lay his ear to the ground, then run after us and remount.

Three times this was done without result, but the third time he listened so long that thinking he heard something questionable, we pulled up.

"They are coming; two score horses at a gallop, and will be here in five minutes," he exclaimed on reaching us, at the same time pointing towards the oba.

This was a startling announcement and no mistake.

Our flight must have been discovered almost as soon as we got away. But there was no time either for questioning or hesitation. We had to decide on the instant what to do. Running, though we might thereby escape our immediate pursuers, would exhaust our horses and leave us at the mercy of the first band of marauders whose path we might cross.

Hard by was a deep nullah which I had marked when we marched with the troop. Thither we went straightway. It made an admirable hiding place; and to prevent the horses from neighing we muzzled them with their halter ropes and stuffed whatever came handy into their ears.

This done I crawled to the edge of the nullah and peered into the road. The next moment a mob of horsemen galloped wildly past me, and at their head, encouraging them by voice and gesture, rode Shireen on her flea-bitten grey.

I could have touched her with my outstretched hand. What had happened was easily guessed. She must have seen me pass the bridal tent, and either out of curiosity or conceiving a sudden suspicion, followed me, but thrown out by the double I made went wrong, and reached the pasture only just in time to see us ride away and note the direction we had taken. Or she may have obtained this information from the herdsmen, whom she would naturally question. Then she had given the alarm and called for her horse; and Ullahdad, enraged beyond measure by what he would deem my base ingratitude, ordered an immediate pursuit.

Instead of the five or six hours' law on which I had counted we had probably had no more than twenty minutes.

Nevertheless it might have been worse. So many of the clan were, as they imagined, following us that except perhaps a few scouts no others could well be on the quest, and Shireen and her half tipsy cavaliers were riding at a rate that would use up their horses before daybreak. But as they might discover their mistake and return it behoved us to make a move, and that quickly.

So leaving the road, which trended southward, we turned east. This involved a change of route and a night march over the trackless downs, therefore a prolongation of our journey. But it was a case of Hobson's choice, and with the Pole Star to guide us and an open country before us we could not go far wrong.

As we had to pick our way, keeping a sharp lookout for nullahs and avoiding steep places, our progress was necessarily slow, and at sunrise we were not, according to my reckoning, more than a crow's flight of 13 or 14 miles from the oba, which was dangerously near, and after a short rest by the side of a tiny stream we pushed on, still nor'-eastward, drawing rein only now and then for a few minutes till fall of night. By this time we were quite out of Ullahdad's country, and as we had been going nearly 24 hours without a halt, we were in sore need of a square meal and a night's rest.

In the near distance was an encampment.

"If I had any money we would go to yonder oba, beg food, and ask for quarters," said I.

"And have you none?" asked Kamran.

"Not a piee, and how we shall reach the oba without either begging, or worse, heaven only knows."

"Don't let that trouble you, Sahib. Allah is good and will provide. Here is enough for all." And with that Kamran put his hand inside his shirt and produced a purse, which he gave me.

It contained 10 gold and 10 silver mohurs.

My surprise was almost as great as if the coins had fallen from the sky.

"How did you contrive to secrete this? I thought the Turkomans robbed you of everything," said I.

"So they did, but with Allah's help I despoiled the spoilers. When we captured the camels I saw Bildad of the Long Nose take a purse from one of the Persian prisoners, and at night when he slept I took it from him. He dared not complain. The chief would have punished him for not putting it into the common stock."

"And I have not come quite empty away," quoth Murad, showing a diamond ring, which from the look of it was worth even more than the contents of Kamran's purse.

"Where got you this?" I asked.

"I found it." Then, seeing that I doubted, he added, "Yes, verily I did. The ring dropped from the beard of one of the prisoners unseen by anybody but myself and I picked it up."

So we were not badly provided with the sinews of war, though I had rather they had been provided in some other way; but it was useless saying so to Kamran and Murad.

We met with an agreeable reception at the encampment. Even Turkomans are not all bad; when you throw yourself on their hospitality they generally give you a sort of welcome, and our orthodoxy was attested by the trim of our moustaches, which were cut Sunnite fashion, and predisposed them in our favour. Had we been Shiites they would either have driven us away or laid us by the heels.

The Alsakel, or elder, a pleasant old gentleman who, having in his youth been a great wanderer, was able to give me valuable information as to our proposed route and the dangers and difficulties we were likely to encounter. According to him the way by the desert was the shorter and the less perilous. The other was a trade route and so infested by Karas as to be safe only for large caravans with strong escorts. He also spoke of a village where a caravan leader might be obtained. For these reasons and others that he mentioned I decided to act on the Alsakel's advice, though I was careful not to say so, for we were fugitives in an enemy's country, and there was no telling to whom the information might be imparted.

For the rest, we were well treated, and resumed our journey next morning well provided with provender for our horses and food for ourselves.

(To be continued.)

THE GREATER SYDNEY SCHEME.

MEETING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE.

MAYOR OF SYDNEY FURTHER EXAMINED.

The select committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed to inquire into a system of municipal government for Greater Sydney held a further meeting at Parliament House yesterday. Present, Mr. Darcy (in the chair), Messrs. Hollis, Webster, J. F. Smith, Cohen, Meagher, Quinn, and Hogue.

Alderman Hughes (Mayor of Sydney) was further examined. He said the initial expenditure on an electric lighting plant would be £150,000, but there should be power to extend to £250,000. Of course, they would have to go beyond that, as the station grew, but he did not think the interest and sinking fund which would have to be provided would amount to more than £7500

In answer to further questions the Mayor said it was intended in connection with the electric lighting system to supply power as well as light. The City Council looked to the power to provide a day load.

Mr. Webster: Would you be in favour of the municipality taking over the abattoirs?—The abattoirs should be a purely municipal service. They are not in any true sense a Government one. The meat supply of a big city like Sydney should be in the hands of one authority. At present the municipality has the control of the sale of live stock at Flemington. It also has the responsibility of looking after dressed meat in the retail shops, but it has no control over the slaughtering of stock. A great deal of the meat comes into the Sydney markets from outside slaughter-houses. Then there is a very strong objection to branding meat. I do not profess to know the reason why, but personally I should be very glad to know that all meat slaughtered at Glebe Island was branded. We in the city have to keep inspectors going round to the retail shops examining meat, and they condemn a lot. At the same time the Government has a staff of inspectors at Glebe Island. I think the abattoirs are properly a function of the municipality.

In answer to Mr. Cohen, the Mayor said he thought it would be unwise to go too far afield at present in relation to the boundaries of a Greater Sydney scheme. He did not think, for instance, that it would be necessary to go as far afield as Hurstville.

Mr. Cohen: How far would you suggest that you should go?

The Mayor: If we took in the suburbs adjacent to Sydney in the first instance I think it would be enough. I do not think we need go as far at first as the waters of George's River; if we went to the waters of Cook's River on the south side it would be far enough. On the western side it seems to me that Burwood and Concord would be the absolute limit. I do not know that we really need include Concord. Then we might take in Leichhardt and Balmain, excluding Five Dock and Drummoyne. As to North Sydney, I used to think that North Sydney should come in, and I think so still, but there are difficulties in the way.

If you do not include North Sydney do you not think there would be a dual control?—I think North Sydney should come in, but I think that to take in outlying districts like Ryde and Marsfield would be a mistake.

Do you know any city in the world where there is a purely federal council?—No, not even the county of London.

In answer to further questions, the Mayor said the scheme of which he was in favour would abolish all the existing councils within the area included. The area should be governed by wards or electorates in the ordinary way. Representatives would be elected to represent the different wards. He thought it would require 60 representatives, and with that number there should be about 30 districts or wards. He was not in favour of single representatives for the wards, because there was a great danger of parochialism—of the ordinary roads and bridges kind—if the districts were made too small. He did not think there was any advantage to be gained by having the electorates or districts too small.

Mr. Cohen: Do you believe in the system of the two councillors or aldermen, or whatever they may be called, retiring at the same time?

The Mayor: Very strongly. I have had experience of both systems, and I believe in giving the public an opportunity of expressing their wishes. The system of sectional retirements I do not think is a good one; it enables too much logrolling to be carried on. I think it creates a better public spirit to have all the councillors retire at one time.

What do you consider the great advantages of a unification scheme, which you suggest, as against a federal scheme?—As shortly as I can put it I should say that the particular advantage of unification is an avoidance of divided control, which is the curse of the present municipal system of Sydney and suburbs, and the substitution of one strong council capable of carrying out the various functions entrusted to it, instead of the present system of a number of weak councils, which for the most part have not the means to put into force many of these health provisions which are essential to the wellbeing of the people. Then there is the question of economy. There is a great deal of waste in the present system. Undoubtedly when the municipal loans are consolidated the present absurd rates which some of the outside municipalities pay would cease. One great object would be gained by the cheaper service.

Could not there be some functions which could be carried out by the smaller bodies if they were left in existence?—The function of a road trust is, I think, the only one which could be left to the remaining councils if they were to remain in existence.

Continuing, the Mayor said he thought the Greater Council could provide a common rate for common services, but for local purposes a differential rate might be enforced; for road purposes, for instance, the rate might be in one district 9d, and in another district 1s. He did not see that there would be any great difficulty in that. As to the franchise, his opinion was that it should be the widest possible one, like that of Sydney. The effect of broadening the franchise in Sydney had been to vastly increase the interest among the public. He did not know that in the event of a Greater Sydney scheme, such as he had suggested, being brought into force all the services could be taken over at once. Inquiry would have to be made into that aspect of the question.

Mr. Cohen: What financial advantage would be likely to accrue to the suburban councils in joining this?

The Mayor: I am not sure that there would be any financial advantage at first in the rates. I do not think that it could be expected that there should be any immediate reduction in rates for the reason that I do not think municipal government has been pushed to its limit, or anything like it, in the suburban districts. If we could get control of some of the services there would undoubtedly eventually be a saving on the rates. In regard to the Health Act there has not been the activity employed in the suburban councils that has been displayed in the city of late.

In answer to Mr. Meagher the Mayor said the Greater Sydney Council might eventually take into its control the making of gas, but he did not think it would be well to run in opposition to the present gas supply. The council might eventually resume the gasworks. With regard to Town Halls at present existing in municipalities, they were generally situated in leading thoroughfares, and he thought they could be disposed of for other purposes. The question of technical education he did not think was one which should come under the purview of the council. In England a rate was struck for that purpose, and the people of Sydney did not desire further taxation. In answer to further questions he said he did not think the taking over of tramways was a matter which was likely to come about at present. The establishment of libraries was a municipal matter, leaving the national library to the Government.

Mr. Quinn: What do you suggest should be done with the disused sewers in Sydney when the low-level sewerage system comes into operation.

The Mayor: There is only one thing to do, as far as I can see—open them up and fill them with sand. It does not pay to pull them up, and it would not pay to fill them with earth.

After further evidence was given by the Mayor the committee adjourned until 2 o'clock on the following day.

LECTURE ON JOHN B. GOUGH.

The Rev. C. S. Rose, pastor of the Burton-street Baptist Tabernacle, delivered a lecture entitled "John B. Gough" at the Tabernacle on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance. The lecture was illustrated by a number of excellent lantern slides depicting the various stages in the life and work of the celebrated temperance lecturer. The proceeds were in aid of the building fund.

"To Let" we put on empty houses,
Not on an empty head,
As insult augurs oft arouses,
We leave such things unsaid.
But this we cannot leave untold,
Advice on sound and sure,
To drive away both cough and cold,
Take Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.—Advt.

LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2.

COURT OF MARINE INQUIRY.

(Before Judge Backhouse and Captains G. B. Carvoso and J. B. Carpenter, assessors.)

A SHIP'S CAPTAIN'S CERTIFICATE SUSPENDED.

Re P. J. Paynter.

Mr. Cargill (of the Crown Law Department) appeared for Captain Edis, Superintendent of Navigation; and Mr. Ayrault Burns for Paul James Paynter, the master of the barque Dee. On June 23 last the Court held an inquiry into a charge preferred by the crew of the vessel that Paynter was habitually intoxicated during the voyage from Antwerp to Sydney between February 22 and May 12 of the present year. After hearing evidence the Court found that defendant was guilty of drunkenness on many occasions between February 21 and June 5, and called upon him to show cause why his certificate of competency as master of a foreign-going ship should not be cancelled or suspended.

Defendant now stated that all the intoxicating liquor he had consumed on the voyage, which lasted 104 days, was seven bottles. He further stated that five ships belonging to the same company as the Dee started from Antwerp about the same date, but he beat them all. During the voyage there was not one accident, and the barque made a good passage. He also produced a number of certificates from various firms in whose service he had been, and who testified to his trustworthiness and ability.

The Court confirmed its original finding, and directed that defendant's certificate be suspended for a period of six months, dating from June 5, 1902.

His Honor said the Court would have imposed a heavier period of suspension but for the fact, first, that up to the time of the present voyage the defendant, judging from the certificates handed in by him, appeared to have borne a good character, and, secondly, because, although the Court was clearly of opinion that he was drunk on many occasions during the voyage, no accident happened to either the crew or the vessel. It was hardly necessary, he thought, to point out the absolute necessity of masters of vessels observing absolute sobriety in order to cope with the ordinary perils which had to be encountered at sea.

The Court then adjourned sine die.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATION.

William Horace Fairweather, of 8 Punch-street, Balmain, employed by the White Shield Manufacturing Company, Parramatta-road, Annandale. Mr. N. F. Giblin, official assignee.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before the President, Mr. Alexander Oliver, and Commissioner Houston.)

Mr. Hanbury Davies, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Minister for Lands.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited, appealed against the appraised annual rent of C.L. No. 18, Brewarrina, and C.Ls. Nos. 4074, 1995, 4485, and 4075 in the same district. Mr. Bacon appeared for appellants. The first lease was one of 954½ acres, and the original rent was 4½d per acre. The rent appealed against was 1½d per acre; in the second case the lease was one of 1646 acres, the original rent 3 3-11d per acre, and the rent appealed against 1½d per acre; in the third case the areas were 1071 acres and 349 acres, the original rent 2d per acre and the rent appealed against 1½d per acre; and in the fourth case the area was 1900 acres, the original rent 4d per acre, and the rent appealed against 1½d per acre. Decision was reserved in each case.

Patrick M'Mahon appealed against the appraised annual rent of his special lease No. 1900-3, Murwillumbah. Mr. Meagher appeared for the appellant. The special lease in this case was one of 30 acres for sugarcane growing, and the rent appealed against was £22 per annum, which appellant considered excessive. The appeal was sustained in so far that the annual rent for the first three years of the lease was determined at 6d per acre and for the balance of the lease, viz., to December 31, 1910, £1 per acre. Deposit refunded.

The Minister submitted a reference for decision in respect of application by John Arndell, for surrender and exchange of lands on Rocky Creek holding, No. 553 Central Division. Mr. Pike appeared for respondent. The area in this case was 1012 acres and the terms of the exchange had been considerably varied from time to time. The Minister submitted the reference on the grounds that the rights, interests, or revenues of the Crown might be injuriously affected should the proposed exchange as recommended by the Bingara Board be carried out. Decision was reserved.

Five appeals by J. R. Lomax against the disallowance of his annual lease application, Nos. 1902-40, 41, 51, 52, and 59, Moree, were called. Mr. Pike appeared for J. Cameron, respondent in the first two appeals, and for T. Scriven, respondent in the other three appeals. There was no appearance on behalf of appellant. Mr. Pike asked for costs, as appellant at a late stage had notified his intention to withdraw, but had not actually done so. The President said that the appeals appeared to have been withdrawn in a very irregular way, not in accordance with the rule of the Court or in such time that the Registrar could notify respondents of the intended withdrawal. The Court would not strike out, but dismiss the appeals. Respondents had been subjected to unnecessary cost in these cases, and the presumption was strong that appellant was attempting to use the Court for purposes other than those for which it was constituted. The Court considered that Cameron and Scriven were entitled to costs, and directed that £3 3s costs should be paid by appellant to the respondents in each case in which the latter were interested. The deposit on appeal was ordered to be made available for payment of costs, and the balance was directed to be refunded to appellant.

Norman Charles Bucknell appealed against the appraised annual license fees of the occupation license of Bungawalbyn resumed area, No. 375, and of the preferential occupation license of Logan Holding, No. 386a, Eastern Division. Mr. Pike appeared for appellant. The first included an area of 23,211 acres, and the second 2620 acres, and the license fee appealed against as excessive was 2d per acre. Each case was ordered to be returned to the board for rehearing, and the board was directed that a report upon the usual form and with the usual details should be obtained before proceeding with the appraisement. Deposit refunded.

John Manning appealed against the appraised capital value of the land comprised in his C.Ps., No. 62,1577, 62,2457, and 66,3412, Goulburn. The three C.Ps., with others held by appellant, aggregated 334 acres, and the values had been appraised at £1 1s 8d, £1 8s 4d, and £1 8s 4d respectively. The appellant had accepted the board's appraisement for the rest of the series. Decision was reserved.

Foulger Carr appealed against the recommendation of the Grafton board for refusal of his special lease application, No. 1901-19, Grafton. The land involved in the application is situated on an island in the Clarence River, and had an area of 23 acres. The board had refused the application on the ground of public interest. Decision was reserved.

Thomas H. M. Hill appealed against the appraised annual rent of his C.L. No. 1900-13, Casino. The area was 960 acres, and the rent appealed against 3d per acre. Mr. Pike appeared for appellant. Decision was reserved.

Richard de la Bere Hill appealed against the appraised annual rent of his C.L., No. 1900-14, Casino. Mr. Pike appeared for appellant. The lease totalled 320 acres, and the rent appealed against was 5d per acre. Decision was reserved.

The Minister submitted references for determination of the capital value of the lands comprised in Andrew Corrie Irving's C.P., No. 85-15, and his C.L., No. 7725, Hillston. The first area was of 640 acres, and the board's valuation 6s 8d per acre. The second was of 1920 acres, and the valuation 6s 8d per acre. Decision was reserved.

The Minister submitted a reference for return to the Moruya board for rehearing of the case of Alexander Ireland's application for appraisement of C.L., No. 29,651, Moruya. The case was ordered to be returned to the board for rehearing and disallowance of the subject application, the Court following its ruling in re Clarke (11 L.C.C., 259), the C.L. in question having been applied for after the passing of the Act of 1899.

The Minister submitted a reference for the return to the Narrabri board for rehearing of the case of Hugh Corbett Taylor's scrub lease application, No. 1902-2, Narrabri. The case was ordered to be returned to the board for rehearing, the Court following its decision in re Hall (10 L.C.C., 7). The board was directed that evidence already taken should be evidence in the case.

The Minister submitted a reference for return to the Young board for rehearing of James O'Connor's C.L. No. 16,972, Young. Decision was reserved.

The Minister submitted a reference for the return to the Coonabarabran board for rehearing of Thomas Spence's C.P. application, Coonabarabran. The Court ordered the case to be returned to the board, the direction for confirmation to be deferred till after survey of the area applied for.

The Court adjourned till Tuesday at 2 p.m.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Thursday, July 3.

Before the Prothonotary.—Simpson v. Walker, 11; Robinson v. Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, 2 30; Trevor-Jones v. Railway Commissioners, 2

Before the Chief Clerk.—Laurie v. Laurie, Wilkes co-respondent, 10.15; Woods v. Wilson, 10.30.

Master's Office.—Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Minister for Works and Lee, to settle minutes of order. At 11.30 a.m.: The Eleanora Gold and Antimony Mining Company, to settle minutes of order. At 12 noon: Minister for Works and Gordon, to settle minutes of order. At 2.15 p.m.: Perpetual Trustee Company v. Harkness, to settle minutes of order.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Deputy Registrar.—To pass accounts: John Thomas O'Brien, 10.55. Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—Confirmation of accounts and plans. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 10.30 a.m.: Re a bankruptcy notice; ex parte William Moloney, taxation of costs.

DISTRICT COURT.—Thursday, July 3.

Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court, at 10.30 a.m.

Green v. Wainwright.

BABIES ON FIRE, BABIES BURNING UP, with itching and burning eczemas and other torturing, disfiguring skin and scalp humours. None but mothers realise how these little ones suffer when their tender skins are literally on fire. To know that a warm bath with CUTICURA SOAP, to cleanse the skin and scalp of crusts and scales, and a single anointing with CUTICURA, the great skin cure and purest of emollients, to allay itching, inflammation, and irritation, will in the majority of cases afford instant relief, permit rest and sleep for both child and parent, and point to a speedy cure, and not to use them without a moment's delay is to fail in our duty. Cures made in infancy and childhood are speedy, permanent, and economical.—Advt.

THE DRINK—PAR EXCELLENCE: Bryt's Cocoa. Be sure you get Bryt's.—Advt.

POLICE COURTS.

Theft from the Person.—At the Water Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. W. M. Macfarlane, D.S.M., Richard Francis, 39, a labourer, and Thomas Harris, 38, an agent, were charged with, in company, stealing a rolled gold watch and portion of a gold chain, of the value of 50s, from the person of John Pugh on June 27. Both accused pleaded guilty and were sentenced to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Larceny.—At the Water Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. W. M. Macfarlane, D.S.M., David Mason, 32, a butcher, was charged with having stolen a silver watch, of the value of 30s, the property of Frederick Herbert Smith. Accused, who pleaded guilty, was fined £2, or in default one month's imprisonment, with hard labour. Fourteen days were allowed in which to pay the fine.

Unlawful Entry upon Enclosed Land.—At the Water Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. W. M. Macfarlane, D.S.M., John Wilson, 29, a carpenter, and Daniel Farrell, 28, a baker, were charged with having, without lawful excuse, entered the enclosed lands of the trustees of the Domain Cricket Ground without the consent of the person in charge. Each of the accused was fined 20s, or in default seven days' hard labour.

Refusing to Produce a Ticket.—At the Redfern Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. King, D.S.M., a Chinaman named Wang Sang Lung, aged 22, was charged that he being a passenger in a Government tramcar did refuse, on demand, to deliver up to the conductor his ticket or to pay his fare. The accused, who pleaded guilty, stated that he was not aware that he had arrived at the end of a section at the time when he refused to pay another fare. He was fined 10s with 5s costs, in default imprisonment for seven days.

Committed for Trial.—At the Central Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. Edwards, S.M., Charles Turner, 20, labourer, was charged with, in company, assaulting James Craggs, a stonemason, in Pitt-street, on June 24, and robbing him of a Waterbury watch, a silver chain, a silver twopenny piece, and 39 sovereigns. Accused was committed for trial at the next Court of Quarter Sessions. Bail was allowed.

A First Offender.—Before Mr. Edwards, S.M., at the Central Police Court on Tuesday, Joseph Patrick Lambe, 30, traveller, was charged with that he did, while in the employ of Hugh M'Ilwrath, embezzle the sum of £6 5s 3d between June 25 and June 28 last. Accused was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, but the sentence was suspended under the provisions of the First Offenders Act, on his finding securities to be of good behaviour.

Theft of Whisky.—At the Glebe Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., John Brain, aged 34, and William Canbourn, aged 24, were charged with having in company stolen a case containing 12 bottles of Walker's whisky, valued at £3 5s, the property of Saunders and Co., at Leichhardt, on June 26. The evidence showed that on the day in question the case of whisky was missed from a cart belonging to Saunders and Co. The driver put the whisky on the cart at the Boad in Sydney, and when he arrived at Leichhardt it was missing. The defence was that the accused found the whisky lying on the roadway. They were each fined £5, in default imprisonment for two months with hard labour.

Theft from a Shop.—At the Glebe Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., Mary Ellen Smith was charged with having stolen a pinafore, valued at 2s 6d, from the establishment of Messrs. Grace Brothers, Broadway, Glebe, on June 28. The accused was fined £1, in default imprisonment for seven days.

Theft from a Chinese Garden.—At the Redfern Police Court on Tuesday, before Mr. King, D.S.M., George Austin, aged 15, was charged with having, on Sunday morning last, stolen a cauliflower growing in the garden of Ah Gow at Alexandria, and valued at 1s. The evidence showed that the accused entered the garden and pulled up the cauliflower, which was growing there. The defence was that the accused pulled up the flower, and had the money in his hand to pay for it, but the Chinaman seeing the boy pulling up the vegetables gave chase with a gun. The accused became frightened and ran away. He was convicted, and was fined, including costs, 10s, and ordered to pay the value of the cauliflower; in default, imprisonment for 48 hours.

Assaulting His Wife.—At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. King, D.S.M., a cabman named Patrick Kilgannon, appeared on a charge of assaulting his wife. It was asked that he should be bound over to keep the peace towards her. Mr. J. W. Abigail appeared for the prosecution. Mary Ellen Kilgannon, wife of the accused, stated that she resided with her sister, apart from her husband. Last week she visited a friend, viz., Mrs. Muddle. She remained over night. Next morning her husband came to the house as witness was dressing. He knocked, and when the front door was opened he rushed through the house to where witness was. He abused her, then struck her about the head and body, knocked her down, and kicked her. He then pulled a revolver out of his pocket, and threatened to shoot her. Mrs. Muddle got between the parties, and the accused struck her on the head. Witness then ran up the street. Her husband came after her and knocked her down in the street. She was bleeding, and went to the police station and took out a warrant for his arrest. He hearing about the warrant on the Sunday following came to the house of her sister and again beat and knocked about witness. The police were sent for and he was arrested. The accused was ordered to be bound over to keep the peace towards his wife for six months, and to find sureties that he would do so, in default to be imprisoned with hard labour for one month; also to pay £2 8s 6d complainant's costs, in default imprisonment for 14 days.

Charge of Breaking and Entering.—At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. King, D.S.M., two aged men, inmates of the Rookwood Asylum, named William West, aged 74, and Edward Moore, aged 73, were charged with having in company broken into and entered the dwelling house of Mrs. Rose Abrahams, 67 John-street, Stanmore, and stolen therein a jewel case containing one pair of gold wedding rings, and a pair of coral earrings, of the value of 30s, her property, on June 26. The evidence showed that the two accused were inmates of the Rookwood Asylum, and at the time of their arrest were on leave of absence from the asylum for two days, having a pass. About 1 p.m. on June 26 Mrs. Ethel Cooper, residing next door to Mrs. Abrahams, saw the accused Moore climb over into Mrs. Abrahams' premises and get through a window into the house. No person was at home at the time, and the windows were properly secured. Moore gained an entrance by forcing the window with a chisel, which implement was afterwards found in the house. The accused West at this time was standing on the footpath in John-street opposite to Mrs. Abrahams' house, and appeared to be keeping watch. Mrs. Cooper managed to send word to the police station close by, and Sub-inspector Stanwix and Senior-constable Billson arrived on the scene. Stanwix went to the back of the house, and after waiting a minute or two he heard a noise in the direction of the side passage. He went there and found the accused Moore trying to get out of the window. His legs were hanging out. Witness caught hold of him and pulled him out and then placed him in the care of several civilians. Witness and Senior-constable Billson then went round by a back way and met the accused West in Addison-road. He denied all knowledge of accused Moore. Both men were taken to the local police station and were searched. Money and other articles were found on them; also the jewellery stolen, which was afterwards identified by Mrs. Abrahams. The house was found to be ransacked from end to end. The chief attendant at the asylum identified the men as inmates of the institution, and stated that they were companions and occupied the same room at the asylum. They were each committed for trial at the next Court of Quarter Sessions at Darlinghurst, and were allowed bail.

Hawking Without a License.—At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. King, D.S.M., William Cunningham, aged 25, was charged

SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The sittings of the fifth annual conference of the New South Wales Public School Teachers' Association were continued yesterday morning at the Girls' High School, the president, Mr. W. Broome, occupying the chair. There was a large attendance.

A letter was read from Chief-inspector F. Bridges thanking the conference for its telegram of congratulation on his attainment of 50 years' service in the department.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EARL BEAUCHAMP.

The president moved that the conference send a cablegram to Earl Beauchamp, congratulating him upon his approaching marriage.

Mrs. Spencer seconded the motion. She said that Earl Beauchamp had placed the teaching profession on its proper plane and had given prestige to the conference.

Mr. P. J. Nelligan supported the motion, with which he cordially agreed.

The motion was carried, a chorus of "ayes" indicating the unanimity of the audience.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Mr. W. Broome, on rising to deliver the presidential address, was received with warm applause. He expressed appreciation of the honour they had done him by selecting him as the official mouthpiece of the association. It was his great desire during the ensuing year that no action of he should cause even one member of the association to regret the choice. Referring to the past year he took it that the association had every reason to congratulate itself upon a period of success and progress. There were now 600 enrolled subscribing members within the metropolitan area. There were also 35 country branches associated, and the association could safely and with feelings of pride inform the public that there was no important centre in the State without its collection of Public school teachers enrolled under the banner of and loyal to the essential principle of the association. As was fully recognised, the association existed mainly for the purpose of improving and developing the principle of national education without any restriction as to station, sect, or society; and he predicted that the future would substantially eclipse even the satisfactory position at present held. As a result of a resolution passed by the last conference no less than £15,000 was voted by Parliament towards restoring the salaries of those who in time of retrenchment had been properly called upon to bear their share of the calamity that had fallen upon the State. The commendable action of the Minister had brought into the houses of at least 1600 persons the sense of relief from the over-powering distress that had been forced upon all by the calamities of 1893. It was gratifying to know that the Minister had expressed his determination, as soon as the finances of the State would permit, to proceed still further with his scheme of making the lot of the State school teacher less trying and less precarious. It was not anticipated that much would be done during the coming year towards the attainment of that result. It was, however, most loyally recognised that in a time of depression, such as the prolonged drought had brought upon this State, they would be prepared, and even willing, to bear their share of the infliction that providence had seen fit to impose. A conference of inspectors had recommended that no teacher in charge of a school should receive a salary of less than £100 per annum. As official head of the association, he thanked these officers most sincerely for this humane recommendation. It was time that such a reform should be made. It meant an increased cost per head of the pupils taught in the smallest schools; but he thought the public through its Parliament would see that such a desirable result should be attained without subjecting those entrusted with the duty to anything even approaching a "sweating" wage. There were teachers, such as female ex-pupil teachers, performing the work of trained assistants after four years' apprenticeship at £46 per annum, and there were third-class female assistants after upwards of 10 years of service doing most undeniably good work for, in some cases, less than £100 per year. Surely these efficient officers were deserving of some consideration. In connection with the Minister's scheme of advancement, probably unintentionally, a most grievous disability had been imposed upon many of the oldest and most meritorious of his constituents. By one part of his scheme many men and women, who had for years past performed the very best service to the public, who had laboured in districts where the very highest ability was required, but where, through force of circumstances, only tolerable results could be attained, these men and women had been degraded from the first-class status they had for years honourably sustained to a position, in most instances, of the third-class. He hoped that the Minister would, at the earliest possible opportunity, remove this disability—almost stigma. There had been a steadily increasing doubt whether they had been obtaining the highest possible result in the matter of State education, and, therefore, they would all commend Mr. Perry for his action in the despatch of an education commission to inquire into the systems in the older lands. He thought it would be well, and the association would be asked to express its belief that it would be well to allow a body of teachers to review the recommendations made by the commissioners upon their return. As a further result of the interest in matters educational which the labours of the association had awakened, he cited the conference and inspections at the beginning of the year. The value of such a conference must be clear to everyone. He took it that no greater eulogy could be conferred upon those who had taken part in previous conferences than the fact that the bulk of the recommendations made by the respective conferences absolutely coincided with the reforms which the association had persistently and consistently advocated. He felt it his duty to state why the association could not subscribe to the whole of the recommendations made by the conference of inspectors. In the matter of pupil teachers he thought a grave mistake had been made. It was prescribed that no applicant for employment as pupil teacher should be tested till he or she had reached the age of 15 years. That was where he thought a mistake had been made. Speaking of truancy, he regretted that Mr. Perry's efforts to pass an Act dealing with the matter had not succeeded, and he felt it his duty to impress upon the public and the Parliament as powerfully as he could the fact that a measure aiming at the school attendance of every child in the State was a pressing and ever-increasing necessity. In conclusion he expressed the hope that the deliberations of the conference would produce such benefits to the rising generation of the State as would convince even the most casual observer that the Public School Teachers' Association of New South Wales was an institution worthy of its existence, and worthy of the fullest public recognition and approval. (Prolonged applause.)

Mr. J. J. Calleghan proposed a vote of thanks to the president for his excellent address.

Miss Golding supported the motion.

Mr. A. Garden seconded the motion.

Miss Golding supported the motion, expressing regret that the address had not been delivered at the Town Hall, that it might have reached more of the public.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

THE METRIC SYSTEM.

Mr. G. B. Edwards, M.P., chairman of the committee on Decimal Coinage, delivered an address on "The Advantages of the Metric System." He thought he could not do better than bring this subject before a body of ladies and gentlemen who were engaged in the education of the young. In America the idea prevailed that the metric system for weights and measures would "come along." He thought that some international understanding ought to be come to on that matter. So far as he could learn, the British race had not made any progress in the system of weights and measures, and the time had arrived when, as a practical nation, they should seek to make an improvement in it. It had been shown that two years of school life were wasted over our present system of figures. A committee had been appointed by the British Parliament to investigate the subject, and he had the honour of being chairman of a similar committee appointed by the State Parliament. It seemed to him that they should take this matter up, form associations, and urge the adoption of some such system as the one proposed. They could help the cause by passing a strong resolution in the Federal Parliament, praying the Imperial Parliament to take some steps towards bringing the system into operation. The matter was being agitated in Canada. Unless, however, they could work an agitation amongst the masses they could not succeed. The movement must come from below. The metric system, he maintained, was the only rational one. It had been argued that any basis on which to construct such a system must be more or less erroneous. All, however, that was necessary was to have some fixed standard with a safeguard for preserving it. The speaker, who was frequently applauded, illustrated his subject by means of a diagram and figures.

Mr. J. Taylor, M.A., LL.B., moved a vote of thanks for the able and lucid address they had just listened to.

Mr. R. G. Newton said that as he himself was an advocate for the metric system, he felt the greater pleasure in seconding the motion.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

The president moved,—"This conference is of opinion that teachers should be induced to obtain certificates of literary attainment early in their professional career, and therefore recommends for the Minister's consideration the following proposals:—(a) That certificates of literary attainment should be separate from those of practical skill as teachers. (b) That on a payment of a moderate fee holders of third-class literary certificates should be permitted to sit for second-class literary certificates, at any examination after they have held the third-class certificate for two years; and holders of second-class certificates should be permitted to sit for first-class certificates after holding the second-class certificate for three years or upwards. (c) That the conditions of sub-section (b) shall apply to mistresses and assistants in infant departments."

The motion was agreed to.

MOTIONS.

The conference also agreed to the following motions:—

Standards.—"That pupils of fifth classes should immediately upon enrolment therein be prepared for some public examination approved of by the Minister, and should at the annual inspection be examined only in the subjects required for such public examination. Dictation.—That in dictation the inclusion of selected words in dictation examination should be discontinued."

Training of Pupil Teachers.—"That provision should be made by which every pupil teacher who passes the pupil teachers' final examination shall, as in former times, be admitted to the training colleges."

School Cleaning.—"That this conference is of opinion that no teacher should be called upon to contribute towards the cost of the cleaning of school buildings."

Savings Bank.—"(a) That the Minister be requested to inform this association of his decision concerning the interest accrued in the Public School Savings Bank. (b) That teachers be permitted to deposit the bank money weekly."

Exemption Certificates.—"This conference is of opinion that exemption certificates gained at the annual inspection should be issued only when asked for by the parents."

"That officers in charge of the various public examinations be invited to meet delegates from this association with a view to drawing up a common standard of examination in conformity with the standard of proficiency under the Department of Public Instruction."

"That the question of irregular attendance and truancy is of urgent importance, and this conference expresses the hope that the legislation necessary to remedy these evils may be passed into law without delay."

METHODS OF SCHOOL INSPECTION.

The subject of the methods of school inspection in other countries came up for discussion, and in view of its importance, and of the fact that a commission was visiting the older countries to inquire into their systems of education, the matter was referred to the following committee to make every possible inquiry:—The president, Mr. W. Broome, the ex-president, Mr. P. J. Nelligan, Messrs. J. Taylor, M.A., LL.B., Callaghan (Newcastle), Cottrell, and Faulks. It was further agreed that the Minister for Public Instruction should be requested by the committee to send a cablegram to Messrs. Kuhbs and Turner asking them, in the course of their inquiries into the education systems, to pay special attention to this subject.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of members of the executive for 1902-1903 resulted in the following returns:—Vice-president, Mr. J. J. Callaghan (unopposed); hon. secretary, Mr. J. M. Taylor (unopposed); hon. treasurer, Mr. G. Parndise (re-elected unopposed).

The conference adjourned till 10 a.m. the following day.

SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE INQUIRY.

The Public Works Committee met yesterday and further considered the expediency of constructing a concrete dam across the Cataract River, about half a mile below its junction with the Cataract Creek, in connection with the Sydney water supply system. Mr. J. M'Farlane, M.L.A., presided.

Mr. T. W. Keele, Principal Engineer, Harbours and Rivers Branch, Department of Public Works, was further examined. He said the cataract dam was proposed as a supplement to the Prospect scheme. It was of the highest importance that the safety of the Prospect Reservoir should be placed beyond doubt. The officers of his Department had satisfied themselves upon that. He had examined the dam from time to time. At first he was rather alarmed at the slipping movements, but afterwards he came to the conclusion that the dam was safe. Some years ago there was *serious slipping*, but the toe of the dam was loaded, and the diminution of water in the dam showed that the loading had been sufficient, and that the downward vertical movement of the dam had been stopped. He saw no reason why, if the same methods of repair which had been previously carried out were continued the dam should not be safe. It was possible that further defects might develop, but it was not probable, and if they did occur they could be remedied. As far as he could judge the dam was perfectly sound and safe. The dam was originally built by the Public Works Department, but was under the control of the Water and Sewerage Board. The officers of the board were carrying out the repairs, and he thought that what they were doing was correct. The only thing he would suggest was that more men be put on to do the work more quickly. The board, however, decided to proceed cautiously. If heavy rain came now the dam could not hold more than within 7ft. of top-water level. The present reservoir was hardly satisfactory for a city water scheme. No bulges had been noticed on the outside of the dam. If anything happened to the Prospect dam it would be possible to fall back upon the storage caused by the proposed Cataract dam. In that case Sydney would only be without water for a few days. However, the supposition was a very unlikely one. The proposal now before the committee did not affect the present serious situation as regarded the water supply. It would be possible to draw 24 millions of gallons per day from the Nepean at Penrith. That of gallons per day from the Nepean at Penrith. That is the only thing that could be done to supplement the present supply at Prospect. It would be advisable to keep a reserve supply of water at Appin Falls. He did not think the George's River scheme would be a desirable one to carry out. Personally he was in favour of building a larger dam than the one proposed at a cost of £217,000 as against a cost of £126,000 for the present proposal. The first section of the larger dam could be carried out for £186,000. The difference between his proposal and the one referred to the committee was in actual cost, £91,500. If his scheme was carried out in sections the present difference would only be £60,000. The increase in the annual interest charge would only be £2400, leaving them free to complete the dam when required. This extra expenditure would make Sydney safe for many years to come, and would facilitate the heightening of the dam whenever the increase of the population required it.

The chairman complimented Mr. Keele on the manner in which he had given his evidence.

The committee adjourned till this afternoon.

THE PASTORAL AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES' UNION.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the council was held at Aarons' Exchange Hotel on Wednesday. There were present—Messrs. P. Oakden (Cobar, acting president), R. T. Keys (Muswellbrook), F. W. Downes (Camden), R. Davidson, M.L.A. (Port Macquarie), T. C. Worboys (Harris Park, treasurer), and J. J. Miller (secretary). An apology was to hand from the president, Mr. Dight, M.L.A., who was confined to his bed with influenza. Mr. Oakden was voted to the chair. An apology was also received from Mr. M'Intosh. Correspondence was read from the Minister for Public Instruction, stating that the Department of Agriculture could not see its way to pay subsidy on school children's exhibits, and that the Department of Public Instruction had no funds available for the purpose. From the Department of Agriculture, stating that a new Manures Bill was being drafted, copies of which would be sent to the union when available. From Messrs. George Willis, Nuraurkah, Victoria, secretary of Producers' Association; J. M. Chanter and F. Clarke, Melbourne, on the matter of representation of the union at the convention at Shepparton in July, Mr. Chanter consenting to attend if possible. It was decided to send a telegram to the convention offering the greetings of the council. Regarding the letter from the Department of Public Instruction it was agreed on the motion of Messrs. Keys and Worboys that the president and secretary wait personally on Mr. Perry, the Minister, and try to get the embargo against children's exhibits removed. A letter was received from Mr. F. Webster, Royal Agricultural Society, on the matter of affiliation with the union. The council expressed a hope that affiliation would take place later on. From Mr. J. A. Bentson, secretary South Coast Union, inviting the secretary to the meeting of the council at Kiama on the 10th instant. Mr. Worboys moved that Mr. J. J. Miller be authorised to represent the New South Wales Union at the meeting, and the motion was agreed to. The secretary reported that he had copies of the Constitution and rules printed and circulated among the societies, and letters upon the matter were read. With one or two exceptions the letters were favourable to the proposed Constitution. It was agreed to accept the offer of Mr. H. J. Wooldridge to organise the chamber when opportunity offered. Some 200 letters were received from judges who had been nominated by societies, some 150 having accepted nomination on the register to act as single judges. A number of judges wrote approving of the system, and complimenting the council on the good work thus being done in order to render exhibitions more educational. Mr. R. T. Keys moved, "That the secretary be empowered to have the register printed and a circular letter, together with the list sent to each society setting forth the objects of the work and the desire of the council to secure competent judges to act singly and give the reasons of their decisions if required." The motion was seconded by Mr. Davidson, M.L.A., and carried. The petition to Parliament praying that provision be made for recognised show judges to be conveyed by rail without cost to themselves whilst in the execution of their public duties was signed by over 70 societies. It was decided not to wait longer for other signatures to come in, and the president was authorised to present it to Parliament at once. Mr. F. W. Downes (Camden) moved that this meeting expresses its appreciation of the promptitude of the Railway Commissioners in reducing so substantially the rates on fodder for starving stock." The mover spoke in favour of the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Keys, and carried.

DEPUTATION.

THE ANNANDALE TRAM SERVICE.

Mr. W. H. Mahony, M.L.A., yesterday morning introduced a deputation consisting of Aldermen Wells, Broad, Cohen, and Robinson, representing the borough of Annandale, to the Minister for Works, the Hon. E. W. O'Sullivan, to ask for an extension of the tramway line either along Johnston-street or as an alternative route branching from the Forest Lodge line at Ross-street, thence along the Pyrmont Bridge-road to Booth-street and along that thoroughfare to Leichhardt. It was pointed out that the latter route would pass through a very populous district, which at present was not served by the trams at all. The Minister said he had a report on the Johnston-street route which was favourable, as it showed that it would pass through a thickly-populated district. It was estimated to cost £15,188. In reply to further questions, Mr. O'Sullivan said that when he got the money, which would probably be in September or October, and proceeded to apportion it, he would consider the claims of these routes. The question he had to decide was, of course, the construction of lines that would pay. He would have a report made on the alternative line via Pyrmont Bridge-road.

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THE OPERATION OF THE RABBIT ACT.

PROTEST FROM STOCKOWNERS.

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS DEFENDS HIS POSITION.

Yesterday afternoon a deputation, which included nearly all the members of the Stock Boards' Convention which concluded its annual session in Sydney on the previous evening, waited upon the Hon. W. P. Crick, Minister for Lands, in order to bring under his notice the objections they entertained to the amalgamation of the Sheep Pastures, Stock Protection, and Rabbit boards, and to the operation of the new Rabbit Act.

Mr. W. Alison, the president of the convention, said the object of the deputation was to explain their views to the Minister as to the position which the Stock Protection Board would find itself in under the new Act, which aimed at the establishment of rabbit boards. The Sheep Board had been in existence since 1866, and the Pastoral Protection Board had also had a long career of usefulness. Indeed, no complaint had ever been made against their administration. These boards originally had charge of the rabbit districts, but later on this was altered, and this care was made a national charge. Subsequently this control was restored to the bodies mentioned, and the boards could not now understand why they should not still be entrusted with the care of the important matter. They also objected to having the appointment of stock inspectors taken out of their hands, especially as the stock brands was kept up by a special tax on sheep. They therefore protested against their money being spent by men not elected by them. The rabbit boards were elected solely to deal with rabbits, and if the stockowners had any idea that the rabbit board was going to be the sole board many men who had not stood as candidates would have done so. Again, they did not think it right that the Crown, which probably would never subscribe a penny towards the funds, should have the right to appoint the chairman, the principal man on the board. He trusted the Minister would recognise the justice of the stockowners' contentions, which were contained in the following points:—1. That it was unfair to take the appointment of inspectors from them, when the salaries of those men were paid from a special tax on sheep. 2. That it was unreasonable that the power should be given to a board elected for the purpose of dealing with rabbits alone, and which board might not include a single stockowner. 3. That it was unjust that the Government should take the power to spend the stockowners' money by claiming to appoint the chairman, who was to be paid by the stockowners out of their own money, although he was not responsible to them. 4. That the training of members of the Stock and Pastures Board in dealing with noxious animals and their personal interests in the question specially qualified them for dealing with the rabbit question. Further, they desired to say that the system of voting by post proposed under the new Act had resulted in a great number of persons giving proxies, and resolved itself into a system of voting by proxy rather than by ballot, while it had also led to a great deal of intimidation.

Mr. F. R. C. Hopkins (Carcoar) said the proposal to extinguish the boards in question by merging them into a rabbit board would never work satisfactorily. In the past they had proved to be the most feasible system of local self-government. It would be impossible to have boards given more powers, and their extinction would be little short of a calamity to all engaged in the industry. He believed the total amount in the fund at present was little short of £50,000—it was impossible to state the exact amount—and he thought the object for which that sum was raised should be respected, as those moneys were collected for a specific purpose. *He trusted* that the present existing boards would be allowed to retain their respective spheres of usefulness, and that the work of dealing with the rabbits would be left to the stock and pastures boards. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. R. Rouse (Mudgee) referred to the question of voting by post, and said the stockowners objected to the system. He had known of a man who boasted that he held in his hand 196 votes and used them all.

The Minister: At every similar election it is the same thing if a man chooses to surrender his vote, and in this case the man may have used these voting papers exactly as their owners intended they should be used. The system was adopted because it was believed it would save a sum of something like £300 per annum.

Mr. J. B. Brodie (Narrabri) said their elections for the Stock and Pastures Board had never cost a penny, as the chairman acted as returning officer without any fee or reward whatever, and the members acted as deputies. That was a still cheaper system.

Mr. Balfour (Albury) said that under the Act a man who had 10 head of large stock and 100 sheep could vote, although he did not own and had no interest in a single head of land. The Minister said that was a misprint. The wording should be "10 head of large stock or 100 sheep." What the Government wished to do was to make the working of the Act as cheap as possible, as this was no time in which to put extra taxation upon any section of the community, and they did not want two boards to do the work of one. He was anxious to hear suggestions as to the terms of consolidation, because he was determined to have no unnecessary boards, but simply one board to deal with rabbits and other pests. In doing this he thought he was doing the pastoral people a good turn. Personally, he did not care by what term they named the board, but one body should do the work. When the bill was going through the House he said that amendments would no doubt be necessary, but what he wanted was to appoint central boards, and the rabbit pest was the most serious pest of the lot. At the present time the rabbits were down to the minimum almost, on account, unfortunately, of the drought, and they wanted to keep them down so that when the rain came they would not become the terrible scourge that they used to be. But nothing was farther from his intentions than to do anything in the way of injustice to owners of stock, and if they would take the Act and point out where useful amendments could be made he would be very glad to give them every consideration. (Hear, hear.) The people seemed to think they were going to be assessed straight away, but that was not so. The boards could not come into existence until the chairman was appointed, and no chairman would be appointed yet awhile. *In that connection he had no doubt many* gentlemen would act in that capacity without fee or reward beyond their travelling expenses. He trusted that stockowners would supply information to the Government which would enable them to make the measure a perfect one. There were only three leases in the Western district who had not applied to come under the Act, and they would have to use their own discretion in keeping down the rabbits. In more thickly populated districts he had received many complaints that the rabbits were devastating the country. However, when these complaints found they would have to put their hands into their own pockets they forgot to mention anything more about the rabbits. They had proposed to mix 1080 (Hear, hear, and Laughter.) The argument that the Government should do something to keep down the rabbit pest on the waste lands of the Crown was futile, for everyone knew it would cost more than the land was worth 20 times over. There was a clause in the Act providing that the Government might, out of the Consolidated Revenue, vote sums of money towards the rabbit funds in various districts, and consequently the Government had a right of representation on the board. As to the appointment of inspectors, he was not likely to lay any great stress on that, but would be made unless it was found that the inspector had neglected his duty or allowed himself to be overruled by the other members of the board, so that money was being expended in an injudicious way. At the same time it was not intended that the Government representative on these boards should overrule the local representatives. (Hear, hear.) There was no idea in the Act to provide billets for anybody, and the fees paid would only be £1 1s per sitting. He proposed to employ the men actually holding the positions, and who knew the country well. He was hardly likely to send up a lot of "new chums" from Sydney to take these positions. The Government proposed to work in entire harmony with these boards, and not in antagonism to them. (Hear, hear.) As to voting by post they had been told it was a shame to take a man away from his work, and make him ride 30 or 40 miles to vote, and in consequence of these representations he had included in the Act a provision for voting by post to give the system a trial. It might perhaps be made a criminal offence for a man to traffic in his vote. He would be glad when redrafting the measure to have the assistance of any information the stockowners could give him, and he, in his turn, would be glad to give them all the assistance he could. (Hear, hear.)

REPRESENTATIONS TO THE TREASURER.

A deputation from the Stock Boards' Convention waited upon the Treasurer yesterday afternoon and presented the resolutions passed at the conference. It was complained that no amendment of the unreasonable clauses of the Diseased Animals and Meat Act had been undertaken by Parliament as promised by Mr. G. H. Reid some two years ago. The request was made that a qualified officer should be appointed by the Board of Health to give evidence in defence of persons prosecuted for having stock in their possession alleged to be diseased. Instead of whole carcases of animals being condemned for trivial ailments only, the heads and other parts affected should be lost, as was the custom in England. In cases of tuberculosis the meat should not be wholly destroyed, provided the Inspector of Stock or some other competent person appointed for the purpose passed the same as fit for human consumption. The deputation expressed the great satisfaction felt by *pastoralists* throughout the country districts at the action of the Government in reducing the rates for fodder for starving stock.

Mr. Waddell returned thanks for the appreciation of the pastoralists for what the Government had done for them. With regard to the requests made by the deputation the Minister said he would have a consultation with Dr. Thompson on the general subject of their complaints, and see if arrangements could be made to have one or two thoroughly competent men continually engaged in instructing stock inspectors with reference to their duties.

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THE SANITATION OF SYDNEY.

LOW-LEVEL DRAINAGE WORKS.

The Mayor of Sydney (Alderman T. Hughes), accompanied by Mr. Jacob Garrard (President of the Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board), Mr. T. H. Nesbitt (Town Clerk), and Aldermen S. E. Lees, A. M'Elhone, R. G. Watkins, A. G. Ralston, J. C. Beer, J. G. Griffin, J. Ward, and T. Henley, waited upon the Hon. E. W. O'Sullivan yesterday forenoon with the object of urging him to have the low-level sewerage system completed as soon as possible.

The Mayor, when introducing the subject, pointed out that while many of the suburbs had the advantage of a model system of sewerage Sydney proper was in the same condition as it was many years ago, and there were no means at hand of preventing incursions of rats, and the consequent risks of outbreak of bubonic plague, unless the Government assisted the municipality by carrying out the low-level sewerage scheme. Without it the wharfs could not be kept in a sanitary condition, and at present their state was disgraceful. The objectionable matter from vessels lying alongside of them was thrown directly into the sea, thus polluting the waters of the harbour, whereas if the sewerage system were completed it would all be removed. If this were done it would be possible to adequately deal with the plague question by closing up all the old sewers and thus abolishing many breeding places for rats. There was some reason to suppose that one cause for the non-completion of the scheme was the insufficiency of *driving power for the pumps*, but now that there was a considerable amount of electrical power available he trusted that it would be utilised in this direction even although the construction of some suburban tramline might be delayed. The deputation felt it was absolutely necessary to bring this matter forward and earnestly asked the Minister to assist them in bringing the city into a sanitary condition.

Mr. Garrard said it was quite clear that the work of the city authorities in the matter of the sanitation of Sydney would not have been so arduous had it not been for the existence of the old sewers, for, do what they might, while those sewers were running into the harbour the rats would make their abodes in them. There was no doubt that these sewers should be filled up and the low-level pumping system completed. As to the question of the supply of electrical power, it seemed to him that the convenience of the travelling public should give way to the necessities of the general public, and the sanitary condition of the city was by far the most important thing to be considered.

Alderman R. G. Watkins said that contrary to the custom of the Department of Public Works there had been shown considerable disturbance by the officers of the department in carrying out those operations. He knew it was a colossal work, but if they had not officers in the department capable of carrying it out they should get men from the Sewerage Board, or even from America or elsewhere. There was no power provided for driving the pumps, and the present arrangements were very unsatisfactory. Unless some steps were taken to push on the officers of the department, the city in this respect would be in the same position as it was now for years to come.

Alderman Griffin said he did not think the department was quite alive to the importance of the matter. If the energy which the Minister and his officers displayed in other matters was devoted to this sewerage system, the conditions would be improved both in the city and the suburbs.

Mr. A. E. Cutler, assistant-engineer of the sewerage branch of the Public Works Department, at the request of the Minister, read a report he had prepared with regard to the works in question, from which it appeared that the scheme was first fully gone into by the department in 1895-6, and previously it was not brought forward by any outside person, as it emanated entirely from the officers of the department. The contract, which was for 42 sets of pumps, had a currency of four years, and would expire in May next. The whole of the delay in carrying out the scheme was undoubtedly due to the difficulties experienced in supplying the pumps. Tenders for them were called for in England, America, and locally. The local and English tenders had little to choose between them, but Mr. J. H. Young, the then Minister for Works, decided to accept the local tender, and the pumps were manufactured in New South Wales. At that time the iron market at home was much congested, and there was considerable delay in getting the pumps ready. The officers of the department had endeavoured in every way to get the pumps out, and the contractors had also done as well as they could, but possibly they had not justly estimated the size of the work they were tendering for. It was an entirely new departure, and they had to make new patterns, put up new shops, and import or construct new machinery, whilst the firm had only just been organised. However, the four years' contract time would not expire until next May. Mr. Cutler also stated that the various pumping stations would be completed in periods varying from a fortnight up to nine months. As to the question of obtaining power, there had been no difficulty about that matter at all at any time. They had never been blocked for want of power whenever they required it. But there had been some delay in the substitution of underground for overhead wires. The only thing that was sticking them up was that they had not got the pumping machinery as soon as they anticipated they would; but this was in no way due to the incapacity of the officers of the department.

Mr. O'Sullivan said he would be glad to assist the council and Sewerage Board in every way possible, but it was clear from Mr. Cutler's statement that there had been some misrepresentation with regard to this matter, for it had been shown that there was ample power, and it was not wise for people to be led away by irresponsible outside opinion, and some of the remarks made with reference to the officers of the department were a bit too severe, and were not borne out by the facts. These officers were skilled men of experience, but this work was of a most comprehensive character. It seemed to him a mistake had been made in letting the contract referred to to a single firm, and it might have been better if several firms had had it divided amongst them. But the contract had been made and they could not break it; therefore, the best thing to do was to hurry on the contractors, and do the best they could with the machinery that were already constructed. He had carried out 214 trunk ways alone, for which he thought was a pretty good record, and he thought he could afford to slacken off tramway construction a little. He would have, of course, to finish those lines that had been commenced, but he desired to do other work which was just as important, as, for instance, water conservation, which was the most important of all. He was, however, determined to carry out the sewerage works as early as possible, for he fully recognised the necessity for their completion. Low-level sewerage was a difficult and dangerous work and one which could not be hurried on, and he was not surprised to find that there had been some delay; but if, by putting on more men and hurrying on the contractors he could expedite the work, he would be glad to do so. (Hear, hear.) The sooner the old sewers were closed up the better, for they were a menace to the health of the city.

THE FISHING INDUSTRY AND AUSTRALIAN FISH.

There was a large attendance at the Amateur Fishermen's Association rooms, Pitt-street, on Tuesday evening, when a lecture on the "Fishing Industry and Australian Fish" was delivered by Mr. E. J. Paton. The lecturer dealt with the commercial aspect of the fisheries chiefly, and pointed out that Scotland had a revenue of £3,000,000 per annum from her fisheries, and that the canning industry there employed some 50,000 people. He said that colonial youths were too often being told to go on the land to the neglect of the sea. The harvest of the sea on the Australian coast was at present ungarnered. One commercial enterprise which should be exploited locally was the canning of the crayfish. He found that crayfish of very small size were being sold in Sydney, and he exhibited two specimens, one a female that had not reached the spawning age, which he had purchased in the city. The State ought, he thought, to make £50,000 a year out of its fisheries. The Federal Government should take over the fisheries, and make uniform laws to govern the States, so as to relieve the various States of the inconsistencies under which they at present worked. He pointed out that the immense salmon canning industry of North America had received its start mainly by the efforts of two Austra ians. The trawling areas along the coast should be worked, and charts of the bottoms should be procurable. A small and well-equipped service of boats to visit fishing centres along the coast should be in existence in order to keep the large population centres well supplied with fish. The lecturer did not think that salmon would acclimatise in this country on account of the absence of suitable rivers, but places, brill, turbot, and sole should succeed. The habits of some of the fishes of the world were also dealt with in the course of a conversational address.

Mr. Paton was accorded a hearty of thanks. Captain A. Spain presided.

SYDNEY HOSPITAL.

The monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Sydney Hospital was held on Tuesday last at the boardroom, Macquarie-street. There were present the Hon. Sir Arthur Renwick (president), Messrs. John Pope and Michael Chapman (vice-presidents), Messrs. C. C. Russell Jones, Sir Matthew Harris, C. L. Garland, J. H. Goodlet, A. C. Shadler, W. H. Flavelle, S. E. Lees, Alexander Dean, the Hon. Robert Fowler, M.L.C., and the Hon. C. K. Mackellar, M.L.C.

The minutes of the last board meeting were signed and accounts for June amounting to £1961 11s 11d were passed for payment.

The hon. treasurer's monthly financial statement was laid on the table.

Correspondence was received from his Excellency the Governor, Sir Harry Rawson, accepting the position of patron.

A donation of 50 quarts of champagne was reported as having been received from Lord Hopetoun.

A donation of £160 was reported from the Bank of New South Wales, the Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney, the City Bank of Sydney, the Queensland National Bank, and the Bank of North Queensland, shares of amounts contributed as a Coronation and peace offering.

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GRIEVANCES OF RETURNED SOLDIERS.

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A paper was laid on the table of the Legislative Assembly yesterday by the Premier with reference to a number of questions put to him by soldiers who have returned from South Africa respecting matters which they held to be grievances. The paper consisted of a letter to the Premier, in which the questions were propounded, and the replies to the latter furnished by the Transvaal Casualties Inquiry and Imperial Pay Officer. The questions and the answers given were as follows:—

Q. Payment whilst awaiting issue of our discharges. These should have been issue on June 12, the day on which our 40 days' sea pay expired, but owing to no fault of ours the men have been kept waiting about Sydney for a fortnight, and the men do not consider that it is fair that they should have to bear the loss of the 14 days' pay. We consider we are *quite within our rights in demanding* payment for the days we have been kept waiting by the department for our discharges.

A. Parchment discharges can be issued at any time after expiration of pay. Protection certificates, which must be handed up when parchment discharges are ready, can be issued at any time, and these were to be had by simply asking for them—which these men did not do—so there was no need for them to remain in Sydney for days as they state.

Q. Gratuity—On the declaration made by returning troops it is stated that two gratuities are payable to us, the first being "an Imperial gratuity" to colonial troops serving in South Africa, and payable only to contingents from Australia and Canada of £5 under Army Order 150, July, 1900, the second being "a special Imperial war gratuity" to all troops serving in South Africa, and payable under Army Order No. 5, May, 1901. It is only the latter gratuity that is being paid to the Second and Third New South Wales Mounted Rifles and Bushmen, whereas we know that previous contingents received both gratuities. We also know that the Queensland authorities are paying their contingents the two sums, and we cannot understand why your Government are treating us in a different manner if you have not been instructed by the Imperial authorities to reduce the gratuities of which we have no advice.

A. The second and third N.S.W. M.R., being Imperial troops, are only entitled to the gratuity payable under Army Order 5.

Q. South Africa Restrictions: Some of the men wish you to cable to Lord Milner asking that they be relieved of the necessity of producing the £100 before being granted a permit to land in South Africa, pointing out that the delay in your department in not paying the men promptly, and thus causing them to spend their money in Sydney, has prevented them being in a position to show the £100. We are also of the opinion that Lord Milner would not insist on returning soldiers wishing to reland in Africa complying with this regulation, and thus place them on the same footing as men who have not fought for their country and King, but simply stayed at home and waited until the soldiers had settled the country and peace was declared.

A. This matter is now receiving consideration.

Q. Second Mounted Rifles: The men of these regiments were informed that they could retain their rifles. These were detained at the barracks, and have not as yet been returned to the men, who wish to know is it your intention to keep them, or can they get them on application? The men were informed that Colonel Lassetter had Lord Kitchener's expressed consent to the retention of the rifles by the men.

A. This matter is also receiving consideration.

Q. Stoppages from Pay.—*In some instances money* has been stopped from some of the squadrons of the Second New South Wales M.R. for bayonets lost on active service to the extent of 10s 1½d per man, and a further amount from nearly all men of 5s for alleged damages caused by the troops at Capetown and Albany, whereas in Parliament it is denied that any stoppages for such has been made. The men require an explanation and a refund of these amounts.

A. The stoppage for bayonets was made by Colonel Lassetter under instructions from his superior officer at the Cape, and is a matter in which we could not interfere. The deduction of 5s from the Third New South Wales M.R. was for damages done at the Cape, and not at Albany. The amount was deducted by Major Burnage under instructions from Imperial authorities at the Cape.

Q. Bad Discharges.—A number of the men feel themselves aggrieved at receiving undeserved bad characters; whilst on the other hand men with known bad characters have been given good discharges. This requires an explanation.

A. This is a matter which lies entirely with the officer commanding each regiment, who alone is responsible for the particulars given to be inserted in the discharges.

Q. Extra Duty Pay.—We would bring under your notice also that certain men were promised extra duty pay for fulfilling the positions of squadron butchers, farriers, &c., but on applying for the same at the pay offices were refused, and told that such appointment was not in orders. It is not fair that owing to the carelessness of someone in this column office these men should be deprived of their well-earned extra shillings per day, and we would ask that you have this remedied.

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The Deputy-President (Mr. W. J. Trickett) took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

THE MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY WITH THE KING.

The DEPUTY-PRESIDENT announced the receipt of a communication from his Excellency the State Governor conveying a cablegram from her Majesty the Queen and the Prince of Wales desiring him on behalf of themselves and other members of the Royal family to warmly thank both Houses of the Legislature for their kind messages of sympathy with the King in his Majesty's illness.

WHITNEY ESTATE BILL

Mr. HUMPHERY brought up this bill, which was read the first time.

DRUMMOYNE BOROUGH LOAN BILL.

This bill was received from the Assembly and read the first time, and the second reading was fixed for next sitting day.

CONSOLIDATING BILLS.

On the motion of the Attorney-General, bills consolidating the law relating to the following subjects were read the second time:—Arrest on mesne process, arbitration, proceedings before magistrates and justices of the peace, public health and prevention of disease, regulation of the Public Service, the laws relating to the Constitution, Parliamentary electorates and elections, the keeping of billiard and bagatelle tables, standard of time, usury, interest, &c., legal procedure, Corporation of the City of Sydney, width of streets and lanes, regulation and protection of public parks and places of public recreation, &c., slaughtering of cattle and diseased animals and meat, public abattoir, Sydney Mint, establishment and regulation of labour settlements on Crown lands, vesting of land in the Agricultural Society of New South Wales, dedication by user, moneys in charge of officers of the Supreme Court, protection of children, rights and liabilities of common carriers by land, life, fire, and marine insurance, closing of butchers' shops on Sundays, water rights, Prince Alfred Hospital, Savings Bank of New South Wales, survey marks, official landmarks and beacons, conserving and utilising water for irrigation in the land district of Hay, validity of agreements, masters and servants, Sydney female school of industry, incorporation and endowment of the Australian Museum, regulation of cattle-driving through East and West Maitland, dividing fences and adjoining lands, liability of innkeepers, sale and use of poisons, trade and business of pawnbrokers, licensing and regulation of public vehicles at Newcastle, land held for a mechanics' institute or school of arts, grants of public money in aid of public worship, establishment and endowment of the College for Women within the University, Government Savings Bank, prevention of vagrancy, recovery of fines, petty sessions fees, piracy, coal mines and collieries, railways and railway fencing, smoke nuisance abatement, Balranald irrigation, Inscribed Stock, fire prevention, public loans, and noxious trades.

The whole of the bills were passed through committee without amendment, and the third reading of each was made an order of the day for Wednesday next.

POSTPONEMENTS.

On the motion of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL the Orders of the Day for the second reading of the Law of Property Amendment Bill, 1902; Official Shorthand Writers Bill, 1902; and District Courts and Small Debts Recovery Act Amendment Bill were postponed for a fortnight. The Attorney-General stated that this course was adopted in the hope that the measures might be perused by members of the legal profession, and more particularly by those who practised in the Civil Courts.

SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS BILL.

On the motion of the VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, the House resolved itself into committee to consider this bill in detail. He said that he had gone through the bill and had prepared certain amendments in order to meet the objections pointed out by Mr. Flowers and others.

On clause 4, "Appointment of inspectors,"

Sir NORMAND MACLAURIN said it appeared to him that the bill would create an army of inspectors and take away a duty and responsibility which properly belonged to municipalities. It was part of a principle which was fatal to any comprehensive system of local government. (Hear, hear.) No doubt the measure only referred to the metropolitan area, but in all probability it would be extended to the whole country, and it would be far better to encourage a healthy feeling of responsibility on the part of local authorities by allowing them to administer an Act of this kind.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said that if the clause was omitted it would be necessary to recast the whole bill. When they had a "Greater Sydney" and a scheme was carried out giving municipalities increased powers this matter might safely be placed in the hands of the municipalities, but in the meantime such a law must be administered by the Government.

Mr. PILCHER said he thought that there was a greater objection to the fifth clause. He admitted the necessity of such legislation in regard to the metropolitan and other crowded areas, but he thought it ought to be limited to such places, where accidents were more likely to occur than in less thickly populated localities.

Mr. FLOWERS said that hon. members must not lose sight of the fact that the measure was not so much for the protection of workmen as for the safety of the public generally. It must also be remembered that in Sydney it was becoming the custom to erect much larger buildings than was the custom some few years ago, and the higher the building the greater was the possibility of accident to workmen and passers-by. Such an Act as this ought to be administered by the Government, which would stand on neutral ground in the matter.

Mr. MEEKS said it seemed to him that the provisions of the bill would not be carried out without an army of inspectors at a cost of some thousands of pounds. He also thought that the work embraced by the bill could be easily managed by municipal councils.

The clause was agreed to without amendment.

Clause 5, "Notice as to the erection of scaffolding."

Mr. PRICKETT said that under this clause no person could drive a nail, put up a bear, or lay a brick for scaffolding without giving 24 hours' notice to an inspector, and this would operate very harshly in cases where buildings had been damaged by flood, fire, or other disaster, and it was found necessary in the interests of public safety and perhaps for the security of the tenants that repairs should be effected at once.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said the clause might be amended by providing that the scaffolding might be erected but not used until the inspector had approved of it. If the scaffolding was a good one it could then be used at once and no time would be lost.

Sir NORMAND MACLAURIN said he thought some amendment of the clause in the direction indicated was necessary.

The clause was postponed.

The remaining clauses of the bill were passed without material amendment, and progress being reported leave was given to sit again on Wednesday next.

LEGITIMATION BILL.

This bill was returned from the Assembly with amendments.

On the motion of Mr. Slattery the consideration of the amendments was made an order of the day for Wednesday next.

DRAINAGE PROMOTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

This bill was received from the Assembly and read the first time.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 5.45 p.m. adjourned till 4 p.m. on Wednesday next.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. John Hurley, who asked questions relating to the powers and duties of the police, and also with regard to the Licensing Act, said that an amending Licensing Bill would be introduced, and the other matters referred to would receive consideration.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Fleming, said that repairs and additions were being made at the Glebe Island Abattoirs for the convenience of customers. The question of the proposed removal of the abattoirs had not yet received consideration.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Levy, said that the Solicitor-General had appeared in three civil cases since his appointment.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Jessep, said that 31 postmasters were acting as electoral registrars, and 205 as deputy registrars. Two electoral registrars and four deputies had been relieved of this work within the last two years. The clerks of petty sessions at Redfern, Glebe, and Paddington performed those duties. It was not a fact that revision courts had to be postponed through the inability of the postmasters to do this and other work. No separate allowance was paid to postmasters for electoral work, but overtime was allowed if the work could not be done in office hours. No petition had been presented to the Electoral Department by the postmasters asking to be relieved of the work.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Moxham, said that public holidays, or a day in lieu thereof, were given to the outdoor staff of hospitals for the insane, but the work permitted of only a proportion of Saturday afternoons. Of attendants on the staff at the Parramatta establishment two were dismissed and two resigned. Three attendants retired at the age of 60 years, or on account of ill-health. Of attendants in their year of probation 15 resigned.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Morton, said that with regard to constructing a railway from the Bomaderry terminus into the town of Nowra, as recommended by the Public Works Committee, and also submitting to the Public Works Committee the question of extending the line from Nowra to Jervis Bay, he could make no promise until the Cabinet had decided what proposals should be submitted for consideration this session.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

The TREASURER, in answer to Mr. Nielsen, said that no arrangement had been made with the State Governments of Victoria and New Zealand for the payment of old-age pensions to old colonists who had been living part of their time in one State and part in the other. The colonial Government of New Zealand had declined to take steps with a view to providing for reciprocity as regarded old-age pensions with this State. The late State Government of Victoria was communicated with, and asked to provide for reciprocity, and provision was made in the Amended Pensions Act of that State, but no agreement had yet been entered into. Another communication would be addressed to the Victorian Government in regard to the matter.

HOTELKEEPERS IN THE RESUMED AREA.

Mr. DALEY asked: Is the Government aware that the licenses of several hotelkeepers in the resumed area have been successfully opposed by the police?

The PREMIER answered: The renewal of one license was refused on objection by the police that the building is very old, in bad order, and structurally weakened by demolition of adjacent premises. Another application for renewal was withdrawn on a licensee being served with notice of police objection on the grounds that the premises are old, dilapidated, and unfit to be relicensed. It is the policy of the Harbour Trust Commissioners, as far as practicable, to reduce the number of public-houses within the area vested in the Trust. When a house loses its license, for any reason whatsoever, the circumstances will be reviewed by the Commissioners, and the rent assessed at the fair value of the premises other than as a public-house.

TAXATION DEPARTMENT APPEALS.

Mr. JOHN HURLEY asked; When may the officers of the Taxation Department expect an official decision in connection with the appeals lodged by them and recently heard before the Public Service Board?

The PREMIER answered: In cases where it has been decided to increase the salaries at which the officers of the Taxation Department were appointed to the permanent staff, under the provisions of the Taxation Officers Act of 1900, the decisions have already been given, and the amounts have been paid to the officers concerned. In other cases the officers are now being informed through their department.

SEED WHEAT FOR FARMERS.

Mr. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK asked: Will the Agricultural Department be prepared to immediately grant to such farmers as may need it, pending the future appropriation of a sum of money for the payment of same, necessary quantities of seed wheat for the ensuing sowing, such advances to be repaid the department in due course? Is the Minister not aware of the fact that farmers in many parts of the State lost last season's crops because of the protracted drought, and that they are at present unable to obtain seed in the ordinary way?

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE answered: No such advance can be made. In 1901 1,349,434 acres were cropped with wheat, the yield being 14,786,059 bushels, or 10·6 bushels on an average per acre, as against 1,530,609 acres cropped in 1900, the yield being 16,173,771 bushels, or 10·6 bushels per acre. The average for the past five years is 9·6.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS, in answer to Mr. Gormly, said in those districts where the proclamations for stock board selections had been withdrawn further proclamations would be issued on the following day, and those who were entitled to vote would have 14 days in which to get their names on the roll.

The TREASURER, in answer to Mr. Whiddon, said the Railway Commissioners did not intend to extend the eight-hours system beyond the running staffs of the railways and tramways.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Rose, said preparations were being made to give employment in the country, and certain works were being put in hand.

The MINISTER FOR MINES, in answer to Mr. Carroll, said it would not be necessary to go outside the department for the purpose of filling the position of Under-Secretary for Mines.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Haynes, who asked if he would consider the question of voting sums of money in the general expenditure to the different country municipalities for road-making or the storage of water, said he thought the department could spend the money better. If there were any special cases he would consider them.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Jessep, said the matter of the water supply of Sydney was before the Public Works Committee, which body would elicit the fullest information. He would bring it before Parliament at the earliest possible moment.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Meagher, said he would consult with the president of the Harbour Trust and see if something could not be arranged with regard to providing more appliances to cope with fires on ships in the harbour.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Fallick, said he could not refrain from carrying out his decision in regard to altering the canal at the pipe head at Prospect until it had been submitted to Parliament, because he had put the work in hand.

The TREASURER, in answer to Mr. E. M. Clark, said he had consulted with the Railway Commissioners about the calling of tenders for extensions to the power-house, and had been informed that the necessary work had been done.

REDUCTION OF MEMBERS.

Mr. LEVY asked the Premier: When will the Government introduce the promised measure to submit to the people by means of a referendum the question of a reduction in the number of members of the State Parliament?

The PREMIER: The hon. member had better give notice. (Laughter.)

ASSAULTS IN HYDE PARK.

Mr. BRINER asked the Premier if his attention had been called to the recent assaults in Hyde Park, and whether he would take any steps to prevent them.

The PREMIER said he had been a resident of Sydney for 40 years, and periodically there had been assaults in Hyde Park. He did not see what the Government could do. The best thing would be to light the park. He would do that at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. HOGUE asked the Premier if he would have Wentworth Park lighted also.

The PREMIER said he thought the public parks ought to be lighted; but it was ridiculous to suppose the Government could prevent cases of assault. Many men who were assaulted brought it upon themselves. The Government would consider the whole question of lighting up public parks.

GREATER SYDNEY SELECT COMMITTEE.

Mr. DACEY moved that the Select Committee on Greater Sydney have leave to sit during any adjournment of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

THIRD READINGS.

The Legitimation Bill, the Drainage Promotion Act Amendment Bill, and the Moore Estate Act Further Amendment Bill were read the third time and passed. The Drainage Promotion Act Amendment Bill was sent to the Legislative Council with a message asking its concurrence in the measure. The other two were returned to the Council, where they had originated.

FORMAL MOTION.

On the motion of Mr. Nielsen it was ordered that the House on its next sitting day resolve itself into committee of the whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a bill to amend the Stage Carriages Act of 1899.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. SULLIVAN moved the adjournment of the House to call attention to the inadequate means of egress from the Gaiety and Golden Gate athletic clubs in case of fire. He said that, speaking with regard to the Golden Gate Athletic Club, its construction was such that in case of a fire occurring it would be almost impossible for a crowd of people to get away in time. It was the same with regard to the Gaiety Club. These were not licensed places of amusement, and the Government had no control over them. The police had none, and the only way to get over the difficulty with regard to them was under the bylaws of the City Council. These bylaws, however, only referred to sanitary matters. He thought that a short Act should be passed during the present session applicable to such places.

The PREMIER said he would immediately take active steps. He would consult with the Attorney-General and bring in a bill to deal with these and kindred buildings. It was the duty of the Government to, at any rate, safeguard the lives of the people. Notice had been given to him that the matter would be brought forward, and he had called for the papers on the subject, which he would be happy to lay on the table.

Mr. WHIDDON said he hoped that in the proposed bill the Premier would also include churches and other buildings where people congregated.

Mr. LEVY said that last session he moved the adjournment of the House to call attention to the overcrowding of theatres; but the Premier then poohpoohed the matter. He was glad, however, that he would now consider the question.

Mr. P. H. SULLIVAN briefly replied, and the motion was negatived on the voices.

TIMBER LICENSES BILL

The MINISTER FOR LANDS moved that the Timber Licenses Bill be read the second time. He said that it was a measure which would give effect to a promise made by the Premier when the adjournment of the House was moved the other evening. That promise could not be carried out without an Act of Parliament authorising the change. Under the present Act the license fee was £6 per annum, but the intention was to make the fee merely a nominal one. It was proposed that the reduced rates should come into operation from the first day of the present month.

The bill was passed through committee without amendment, and the third reading made an order of the day for the following day.

WATER AND DRAINAGE BILL.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS moved that the House resolve itself into committee for the purpose of considering "the expediency of bringing in a bill to provide for the annual expenditure of £200,000 for a period of five years on works of water supply, water conservation or irrigation, and of drainage, for the constitution of trusts to administer the same where the cost exceeds £500, and to authorise the raising of the sums by loans." He said that he would give the House a synopsis of the bill on Wednesday next.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was introduced and read the first time.

THE AUDIT BILL.

The debate on the motion for the second reading of the Audit Bill was resumed.

Mr. AFFLECK said he thought the Treasurer, in his remarks, had been unfair to the Auditor-General. They all knew that every year there was a difference in the accounts presented by the Auditor-General and by the Treasurer. The Auditor-General's account was a plain statement of figures that could be easily understood, while it was very hard to understand the Treasurer's account. He agreed with the proposal to appoint a committee on the finances, but the committee ought to be elected by Parliament. He thought that before the Estimates were submitted to the House they should be placed before the proposed committee. He was opposed to the Auditor-General being placed in the position of a stocktaker. He would propose a number of amendments when the bill was in committee.

Mr. CARRUTHERS said he regretted he could not support the bill. It was largely a rehash of the existing law, a law which had been characterised by the Treasurer as one that was obsolete. He found that the bill practically adopted nearly every clause of existing bills, and where there were any amendments almost without exception those amendments had been condemned by almost every financial authority in the State except the Treasurer. Under these circumstances he asked how the old Act could be characterised as obsolete. It had been worked under for years past, and all the differences that had occurred were not attributable to anything in the measure, but to certain matters of administration under it. Before they were required to change the law they should be shown the need of it. What was the ground the Treasurer put forward for the amendment of the law? It was a matter of great regret that they had now two sets of accounts under which there had been disagreement between the Auditor-General and the Treasury officers. As long as differences existed between high officers of the State there must be confusion. But the confusion did not lie at the door of the Audit Act at all. That Act was right, but the interpretation put upon it by the Treasurer did not agree with the Auditor-General's interpretation. If they did amend the Act it would still be open for officers of the Government, namely, the Auditor-General and the Treasurer, to have future divergent interpretations. In his judgment the method of the Auditor-General in the way he had presented his annual reports had been in direct contravention of the Act. Every Treasurer had said the same. The Auditor-General not only scrutinised the Treasurer's statement, but put in one of his own. The law prescribed one method of figures, and the Treasury officers had rigidly adhered to it. The Auditor-General had gone beyond the Act. No public servant had the right to go beyond the Act which gave him his authority. Take the Treasury Deficiency Acts. Mr. Reid brought in the cash system. Bills were passed to cover the deficiencies, and the cash basis system was entered upon. Parliament gave a clear expression of its intentions in these bills. But the Auditor-General continued to carry the deficiencies on. That was what the Treasurer had the right to complain of. The Auditor-General must obey the laws of the country; but Sir William Lyne said the Auditor-General was right and Mr Reid was wrong. A commission was appointed to inquire into the accounts, and it backed up the Auditor-General. They had the right to ask without fettering the independence of the Auditor-General that he, as well as every other officer of the State, should give due obedience to the laws passed by Parliament. When these disputes did occur with regard to the interpretation of the law there should be some finality. They should get an interpretation of the law that would be binding on all parties. That should be from a high legal tribunal. He thought the Treasurer might get over all differences with the Auditor-General in regard to the interpretation of the law by getting an authoritative interpretation. If the bill was not passed let a special case be stated to the Supreme Court. That could be done without an Act of Parliament at all. To delegate to a section of its members the high duty of settling all financial disputes would be to do a thing that Parliament had never done when it had any self-respect. He thought that the proposal for a financial committee ought to be rejected. There was no need whatever for a bill to appoint to the committee. That could be done under a sessional order. Parliament had not yet reached that stage when it was prepared to hand over to a small number the right to decide its financial questions. He considered clause 57 was one of the most important in the bill, but it proposed something that would probably lead to more confusion and mystification than ever. The clause provided for the manner in which the accounts were to be kept, but it said that they "shall be kept under such headings as the Treasurer might direct." It was possible, under such a provision, for one Treasurer to alter the headings of his predecessor under which the accounts were kept, and produce a great amount of confusion. Clause 58 also proposed a dangerous innovation with regard to the method of dealing with the London accounts for the months of May and June. It was proposed to exclude that account. Sir William Lyne, when Treasurer, said he had charged those payments on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and added that the accounts were now on a proper cash basis. According to the Auditor-General's statement the present Treasurer had decided not to include in his accounts those London payments. The Finance Committee recommended that the disbursements in London up to June 30 should be cabled out, and the actual cash balance existing at the close of each year should be shown in a subsidiary statement. He maintained there was no necessity to keep the London accounts for May and June out of the Treasurer's financial statement.

The TREASURER: You do not understand the bill. I will explain matters to you afterwards.

Mr. CARRUTHERS said that supposing the Treasurer had in the Treasury the amount of the payments, disbursements, and receipts during the months of May and June in London, was he going to send to the Auditor-General an account excluding those payments and receipts.

The TREASURER: You want me to take up a position not to make a budget speech until six weeks after the year has closed.

Mr. CARRUTHERS said he was of opinion there was no reason why the London accounts for May and June should be excluded from the Treasurer's financial statement, and he maintained that if what was proposed in the bill were carried out the accounts could be made more mystifying in the future than they had been in the past. He objected to any attempt to reduce the status of the Auditor-General, and where that gentleman had taken up an attitude from conscientious motives that would not induce him to rob that officer of his independence. (Hear, hear.) He ventured to say that further consideration would show that the new provisions affected the independence of the Auditor-General, and the remainder of the measure would simply mean the re-enactment of provisions that had stood the test of time. If the measure passed its second reading he hoped it would be largely amended in committee in the direction of following as nearly as possible the design of our former audit legislation. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. D. R. HALL said he had no desire to reduce the status of the Auditor-General, but he thought the Colonial Treasurer had suffered a good deal, and unjustly so, from the unfair criticisms of members of the Opposition. It was to be remembered that when a man had occupied a position for 30 years it was only to be expected that he would look with repugnance upon any proposed changes, even if they were for the better. This criticism was not justified by any portion of the bill. It was framed on the basis of the Commonwealth Audit Bill, which was drawn up by the Auditors-General of Tasmania, of Queensland, of South Australia, a commissioner from Victoria, and an able representative of the New South Wales Audit Office. The same conditions as appeared in this measure governed the Railway Commissioners in this State and also the Harbour Trust, and the gentlemen concerned accepted them without murmur, whilst the House had been told that the same conditions were intended as a slur upon the Auditor-General. As a matter of fact they tended to secure the Auditor-General's position to an extent it never had been secured before. He trusted that in future the Treasurer's financial statement would not be made until after the accounts had been certified to by the Auditor-General. (Hear, hear.) Section 37 of the bill provided that those loan votes not spent within two years of the time they were voted should lapse. He commended that provision to the House. It was one of the best provisions in the bill. He believed it was desirable that there should be a committee on the public accounts. He warmly supported the main provisions of the bill.

Mr. WOOD said his experience taught him that the bulk of the difficulties that had occurred between the Treasurer and the Auditor-General was due to the Treasurer for the time being putting a political construction on the position of the finances, whilst the Auditor-General would only be guided by the true account side of finance. There were many cases in which difficulties had arisen in regard to the finances, and in each instance the result showed that the difficulty was due to the Treasury Office and staff. He maintained that the measure contained certain clauses brought in for the specific purpose of limiting and subordinating the position of the Auditor-General and his staff. Whilst he was in favour of simplifying the public accounts and securing purity in financial administration he would not support a measure that went far beyond that.

An hon. member: And the finance committee?

Mr. WOOD said he also objected to the appointment of the proposed finance committee, and would decline to transfer the rights which had been delegated to him by his constituents in regard to the final determination of any matter. He made no objection to the appointment of such a committee for the purpose of inquiring into the public accounts, but only for the purpose of reporting upon them to the House and advising if necessary. The Treasurer, in asking the Auditor-General to subscribe to the accuracy of the accounts for expenditure that had not been authorised by Parliament, as he proposed to do in the bill, gave an indication of a tendency, which was apparent right through the bill, to force the Auditor-General to fail in observing the statutory obligation which rested upon him. He thought that the Minister, in the interests of his own bill, should eliminate several clauses which were regarded generally as objectionable. He thought the Treasurer was doing a good thing in getting an earlier report from the Auditor-General. He believed that the Treasurer had been actuated by the motive of simplifying the public accounts; but it seemed to him that Mr. Waddell was inclined to think that the Treasurer must be the controlling authority. Members must look to the Auditor-General.

Mr. DICK said the bill dealt mainly with the relations of three bodies—the Treasury, the Auditor-General's department, and Parliament. He accepted the Treasurer's statement that he intended no attack on the Auditor-General, but subsequent Treasurers might not think the same. The bill to some extent loosened the Treasurer from the control of the Auditor-General. It had been urged that the public accounts committee provided for in clause 17 was similar to the Financial Committee of the House of Commons; but the functions of the two bodies were widely different. He did not think that a committee elected by a House, probably heated by party conflicts, would be the best tribunal to settle financial differences. The Auditor-General ought to be allowed to make suggestions with regard to the method of keeping accounts, and if he wished to send an additional statement to Parliament he ought to be permitted to do so. Parliament ought to welcome such information.

Mr. COHEN said that the Auditor-General ought merely to check and criticise the accounts of the Treasurer, and if that were done valuable information would be supplied to members. Generally speaking, however, he was opposed to the bill.

The second reading was agreed to on the voices, and the bill was taken into committee pro forma.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 11.30 p.m. adjourned until the following day.

THE CARRIAGE OF NEWSPAPERS.

PARLIAMENTARY SELECT COMMITTEE INQUIRY.

INTERESTING EVIDENCE.

The Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the carriage of newspapers on the State railways continued its sittings yesterday morning at Parliament House. There were present Messrs. Dacey (chairman) Hogue, Brunker, Hollis, and Latimer. Mr. Samuel Cook (general manager of the "Sydney Morning Herald") and Mr. Watkin Wynne (general manager of the Sydney "Daily Telegraph") were also present.

The chairman announced that the pet

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—July 2.

Westralia, s., 2684 tons, Captain R. H. Selly, from N.S. ports, via Wellington. Passengers—Misses Holleston, Enson, Beech, Honey, Littlejohn, Weeks, Williams, Mesdames Strong, R. Heaton, Airey, Wilson and infant, Honey, Garland, Stewart, Bennie, Wilkie, Clifford, Cameron, Bishop, Messrs. Sutherland, Patterson, M'Guinness, Rev. Airey-Watson, Parrott, Cowlan, Buston, Piggott, Courtney, Bartholomew, Peach, Trapp, Dr. Margill, Munroe, Lane, Bates, Garland, Stewart, Bennie, Pimblett, Vent, Paterson, Clifford, M'Guinness, Gerson, O'Neill, Bishop, Woolrich, Johnston, Overington, Purkey, Bell (2), Wilkie, Captain Smith and 28 in the steerage. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited, agents.

Electra, s., 395 tons, Captain A. Forbes, from Manning River. Passengers—Mesdames Healey, Barryman, Sullivan, Ward and family (4), Smith, Byrne, Whale and family (3), Cameron, Misses Kennedy, Fritz, Foord, Novel, M'Kay, Messrs. Connell, Herron, Newton, Neely, Munro, Reynolds, Smith, Foord, Woolven, De Fraine, Halliday, and 4 in the steerage. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Wakatipu, s., 1945 tons, Captain Livingstone, from Launceston. Passengers—Mesdames F. Grubb, W. Grubb, Waldron, Castray, Waterhouse, Brown and 2 children, Misses Barton, Fougan, A. Grubb, J. Grubb, Scott, Hoare, Castray, Waterhouse, Curnow, Newton, Nicholson, Hungerford, Moore, Bowers, Walker, De Carle, Merry, M'Connville, Clarke, Stennett, Barlow, and 4 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Burrawong, s., 301 tons, Captain R. Taplin, from Macleay River. Passengers—Mesdames Allen, Mason, Miss Ryan, Messrs. Holmes, Hare, Sharpe, Ling, A. Rudder, C. Rudder, Bennett, B. Hayes, Ryans, Morrison, Furry, Nevell, and 17 in the steerage. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Rosedale, s., 274 tons, Captain J. O. Anderson, from Bellinger River and Port Macquarie. Passengers—Miss Kingsford, Messrs. Hill, Caines, Lewis, Porter, Moore, and 1 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Wyoming, s., 175 tons, Captain M'Laughlan, from Macleay River. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Newcastle, s., 1251 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Gunika, s., 2670 tons, Captain Jenkyns, from Port Pirie and Adelaide. O. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Murray, s., 144 tons, Captain Duncan, from Moruya. A. Bethel, agent.

DEPARTURES.—July 2.

Dundale, s., for Newcastle.
Duisburg, s., for Hamburg, via Queensland ports.
Zealandia, s., for Auckland.
Titus, s., for South Sea Islands.
Westralia, s., for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—July 3.

Kasuga Maru, J.M.S., for Manila, China, and Japan, via ports.
Star of New Zealand, s., for Auckland; Burrawong, s., for Macleay and Bellinger Rivers; Electra, s., for Manning River; Namoi, s., for Newcastle; Cooma-cherry, s., for Moruya and Wagonga; Eden, s., for Bermagui, Tathra, Merimbula, and Eden; Garibaldi, barque, for Guano.

CLEARANCES.—July 2.

Zealandia, s., 2771 tons, Captain C. B. Attwood, for Auckland. Passengers—Mesdames S. Manning, Beanwell, Moremont, W. Herd, Misses R. V. Clapcott, Astley, Messrs. A. E. M'Adam, C. Daniels, A. W. Donald, M. Marchant, C. W. Todd, A. A. Kendall, Rochelbaum, C. Taylor, F. C. Wilson, C. Furst, Whitycombe, A. C. Morse, R. Bramwell, C. Reed, T. B. Simpson, A. B. Short, Sloper, E. P. Andrews, H. Scott, Clark, Sloper, W. Herd, Moremont, Parry, and 48 in the steerage.

Titus, s., 790 tons, Captain Gibbings, for Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island, New Hebrides, Solomons, and Santa Cruz Islands. Passengers—Mr. Drew, Mr. Vernon, Mr. J. Millwood, Rev. Edgell, E. Austin, Mr. S. Atkinson, Mr. Rasleton, Mr. A. Hayes, Mr. Lawton, also 2 in the steerage.

Guthrie, s., 3338 tons, Captain A. E. Davelle, for Port Kembla, in ballast.

COASTER OUTWARD.—July 2.

Woy Woy, s., Captain J. Storm, for Brisbane Water.

IMPORTS.—June 2.

Zealandia, s., for Auckland: 44 ingots tin, 3 cases tramaphones, 5 kegs acid, 25 cases cleaner, 288 packages tea, 50 cases condiments, 60 bags cream tartar, 17 ingots copper, 345 bullocks' tubs, 24 packages brushes, 15 cases samples, 100 cases fruits, 100 cases brandy, 44 bags buttles, 20 cases brimstone, 7 cases tobacco, 150 sacks cornflower, 40 bags kapok, 6 bundles bathe, 25 cases fish, 132 naves, 48 shafts, 20 rolls lead, 10 cases shellac, 200 sacks bonedust, 8 packages machine parts, 78 grindstones, 7 bags millet, 20 cases perodicals, 5 bundles staves, 6 barrels glucose, 5 cases cesimr material, 17 bales cotton, 12 cases paper, 31 cases machinery, 10 casks beer, 20 cases wine, 400 bags salt, 400 pieces timber, 545 fellocs, and sundries.

Wakatipu, s., from Launceston: 3350 sacks potatoes, 3820 sack mangolds, 4781 bags chaff, 475 sacks oats, 610 sacks bran, 125 sacks charge, 100 sacks peas, 70 sacks barley, 30 sacks oatmeal, 18 sacks carrots, 30 cases apples, 250 bales straw, 186 bales hay, 161 ingots tin, 60 cases milk, and sundries.

Electra, s., from Manning River: 132 bags maize, 80 bags bottles, 94 bags bones, 19 bags oysters, 98 bags pumpkins, 41 bales skins, 20 calves 0 cases eggs, 12 cases hecop, 35 cases fish, 1 cask tallow, 31 cops poultry, 33 hides, 26 cases fruit, 306 kegs butter, 184 pigs, and sundries.

Westralia, s., from Wellington: 2641 sacks potatoes, 1091 sacks turnips, 700 boxes tomatoes, 670 sacks oats, 351 bags onions, 254 bales hay, 260 sacks manure, 100 sacks peas, 98 bundles tow, 52 bundles hemp, 95 casks pelts, 46 cases cheese, 16 drums ammonia, 16 bundles hops, 400 sheep, and a quantity of sundries.

Rosedale, s., from Bellinger River and Port Macquarie: 961 bags maize, 1 bag horns, 365 sleepers, 63 pieces furniture, 19 bags 1 box pumpkins, 19 bales skins, 14 cases eggs, 1½ coops and 2 boxes poultry, 28 hides, 1 keg and 20 boxes butter, 21 pigs, quantity sundries.

Burrawong, s., from Macleay River: 1866 bags maize, 9 bags bones, 7 bags pumpkins, 20 bales skins, 10 cases eggs, 4 cases fish, 3 casks tallow, 12 coops poultry, 2 horses, 123 hides, 9 bags hides, 32 kegs butter, 304 pigs, 15 bags bottles 23 sundries.

Wyoming, s., from Macleay River: 1496 bags maize, 16 logs, 5 coops poultry, 1 bale skins, 3 cases eggs, 9 pigs.

Custom-house.—Entered outward: July 2, Riverland, barquentine, Captain Sawery, for Lyttelton, via Newcastle; Orange Branch, Captain J. M'Clelland, for South Africa, via Townsville; Guthrie, s., for Manila, Hongkong, and Japan, via ports; Westralia, s., Captain R. H. Selly, for Wellington, via Newcastle.

Messrs. W. S. Tait and Co. notify that the steamer Saint Antoine left Noumea on Tuesday, July 1, for Sydney. She is due here on Monday next, and will leave Sydney for Noumea about July 12.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

THURSDAY ISLAND.—Departure: July 1, Maranoa, s., for Burketown. Passed: July 2, Edward, Norwegian brig, from Kaipara, bound to Fremantle.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arrival: July 1, Arawatta, s., from Brisbane.

ROCKHAMPTON.—Departure: July 1, Burimbla, s., for Brisbane.

GLADSTONE.—Departure: July 1, Sussex, s., for Bowen.

MARYBOROUGH.—Arrival: July 2, Julia Percy, s., from Brisbane.

BRISBANE.—Departures: July 2, Tyrian, s., for Melbourne; Tinana, s., for Townsville; Flinders, s., for Bundaberg.

TWEED HEADS.—Passed: July 2, a steamer at 2.40 p.m., south; a steamer, blue funnel, black top, at 3.45 p.m., south.

RICHMOND HEADS.—Departure: July 2, Oakland, s., at 6.15 a.m. Passed: Mareeba, s., at 10.15 a.m., north; steamer, like Allinga, at 11.15 a.m., south.

YAMBA.—Arrival: July 2, Oaklands, s., from Richmond River. Departure: July 2, Kaikatina, s., for Sydney. Passed: July 2, one of the China Navigation Company's steamers, like Changsha, one of the Adelaide Company's steamers, like the Inneminicha, and one of the A.U.S.N. Company's steamers, all south.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: July 2, St. George, s., at noon, north; Augusta, s., at 1.30 p.m., south.

NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Departures: July 2, Eureka, s., at 4.30 p.m.; Wave, ketch, at 5.40 p.m., for Sydney.

COFF'S HARBOUR.—Departure: July 2, Dorrigo, s., at 12.30 p.m., for Sydney.

TRIAL BAY.—Arrivals: July 2, Kyogle, s., at 3.40 p.m. Departure: July 2, Kyogle, s., at 4 p.m., north.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: July 2, Wollumbin, s., at 2.45 a.m., Rockton, s., at 2.30 p.m., Kanowarra, s., at 2.40 p.m., all north; Captain Cook, pilot steamer, with punt in tow, at 5 p.m., south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS.—Arrival: July 2, Isabella de Fraine, ketch, at 3.40 p.m., from Newcastle. Departure: July 2, Australia, schooner, at 3.40 p.m., for Sydney.

CROWDY HEADS.—Passed: July 2, Nymboida, s., at 1.15 p.m., Hastings, s., at 1.30 p.m., Trilby, s., at 2.20 p.m., all north.

MANNING HEADS.—Arrival: July 2, Defender, s., at 1 p.m. Departure: July 2, Turanaw, s., at 1.30 p.m.

CAPE HAWKE.—Arrival: July 2, John Goldsmith, s., at 5 p.m., from Manning River. Departure: July 2, Paris, schooner, at 4.15 p.m., for Sydney.

PORT STEPHENS.—Arrival: July 2, Torpedo, s., at 8.30 a.m., in Nelson's Bay. Passed: July 2, Cavanba, s., at 4.10 p.m., Lindisfarne, s., at 4.30 p.m., both north.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: July 2, Ben Avon, barque, from Melbourne; Wallsend, s., Tamar, s., Namoi, s., Sphene, s., Beagle, s., Barwon, s., Cavanba, s., Macleay, s., Dovedale, s., Hannah Nicholson, schooner, from Sydney; Balmain, s., returned to port. Departures: July 2, Glaucus, s., for Melbourne, with 1980 tons coal; Krimpen a d Lek, barque, for Samarang, with 1607 tons Wallsend coal; Cavanba, s., for Byron Bay; Karaweera, s., for Townsville, with 900 tons coal; Macleay, s., for the Macleay; Helen Moore, ketch, Tamar, s., Sphene, s., Namoi, s., Hannah Nicholson, schooner, for Sydney.

CATHERINE HILL BAY.—Departure: July 2, Illaroo, s., at 11 a.m., for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY.—Arrivals: July 2, Narara, s., at 8.30 a.m.; Hawkesbury, s., at 8.50 a.m.

BELLAMBI.—Arrival: July 2, Curranjong, s., at 8 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: Malachite, s., at 12.45 p.m., for Sydney.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrival: July 2, Countess of Errol, schooner, at 7.30 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: Illawarra, s., at 8 a.m., for Kiama. Passed: A ship in tow at 11.20 a.m., north.

KIAMA.—Arrival: July 2, Civility, s., from Wollongong, early.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Arrival: July 2, Illawarra, s., at 8 p.m. Departures: Maud Weston, s., at 7 a.m., north; Cooneemberry, s., at 6 a.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: July 2, a ship, in light trim, at 6.15 a.m., Gunaka, s., at 1.40 p.m., Corio, s., at 4.10 p.m., all north.

MORUYA HEADS.—Passed: July 2, a large two-masted steamer at 10.15 a.m., north.

BERMAGUI SOUTH.—Arrival: July 2, Bega, s., at 3.45 p.m., from Tathra. Departure: Bega, s., at 5.30 p.m., for Sydney.

EDEN.—Departure: July 2, Bega, s., at 8 a.m., for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: July 2, steamer like Tambo in sight, south, at sunset.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: July 2, Wodonga, s., at 1.15 p.m.; Buninyong, s., at 2.4 p.m.; Kalgoorlie, s., at 2.5 p.m., all west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inward: July 2, Despatch, s., at 6.55 a.m.; Albany, s., at 8.12 a.m.; Bendshire, s., at 11.5 a.m. Outward: St. Ronald, s., at 9.45 a.m.; Duke of Argyle, s., at 2.10 p.m.; a steamer, at 7.20 p.m.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: July 2, Pateena, s., from Launceston; Leura, s., from Sydney; Linlithgowshire, s., from Hamburg. Departures: July 2, Monowai, s., for New Zealand, via Hobart; Leura, s., Faroe, s., Port Stephens, s., and Euryalus, s., for Sydney.

LOW HEAD.—Arrival: July 2, Coogee, s., at 8 a.m., from Melbourne.

STANLEY.—Arrival: July 2, Easby, s., at noon, from Melbourne.

EDENIE.—Arrival: July 2, Australian, s., at 11.15 a.m., from Melbourne. Departure: Orion, s., at 5.30 p.m. for Melbourne, via Stanley.

DEVONPORT WEST.—Arrival: July 2, Australian, s., at 2 p.m.

MACQUARIE HEADS.—Arrival: July 2, Kawatiri, s., at 7.30 p.m., from Melbourne.

PORT ADELAIDE.—Arrival: July 2, Moorwood, s., from Newcastle. Departure: July 1, Iris, barquentine, for Western Australia; Perth, s., for Western Australia; Chapiels, barque, for Chili. July 2, Wilsannia, s., for Melbourne.

CAPE BORDA.—Passed inward: July 2, R.M.S. Ouseo at 7.30 a.m.

ALBANY.—Arrival: July 2, Marloo, s., from Adelaide.

FREMANTLE.—Arrivals: July 2, Gera, G.M.S., at 1.30 a.m., from Bremen; Victoria, R.M.S., at 7.45 a.m., from London; Coolgardie, s., from the Eastern States. Departure: Victoria, R.M.S., at 4.55 p.m., for the Eastern States.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

AUCKLAND.—Departure: Manapouri, s., for Fiji.

LYTTELTON.—Departure: La Bella, barquentine, for Newcastle.

BLUFF.—Departure: Taiuna, s., for Hobart.

WELLINGTON.—Arrival: Waratuna, s., from Sydney.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average annual rainfall for 43 years, 49·29.
Average for 44 years, January 1 to June 30, 20·26.
Rainfall from January 1 to date, 9·03.
Temperature.—Maximum, 59°; minimum, 42°.
Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 80°; 3 p.m., 70°.

STATE OF BAROMETERS.

Carnarvon, 30·16; Gascoigne, 30·14; Perth, 30·04; Esperance Bay, 30·06; Eucla, 30·15; Streaky Bay, 30·20; Adelaide, 30·40; Robe, 30·28; Portland, 30·42; Melbourne, 30·32; Wilson's Promontory, 30·37; Gabo Island, 30·34; Cape St. George, 30·05; Sydney, 30·05; Newcastle, 30·05; Port Macquarie, 30·06; Clarence Heads, 30·26; Brisbane, 30·32; Rockhampton, 30·41; Mackay, 30·31; Cooktown, 30·17.

RAINFALLS.

New South Wales (24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Camden Haven 9 points, Casino 15, Clarence Heads 93, Lismore 12, Manning Heads 4, Port Macquarie 28, Port Stephens 22, Tabulam 5, Tweed Heads 2, Cape Hawke 4, Seal Rocks 12, Woolgoolga 46, Byron Bay 81, Mullumbimby 25. 9 p.m. report: Clarence, 29.

Western Australia.—Ballarup 12 points, Leuwin 14, Geraldton 1, Southern Cross 20, Carnarvon 8, Perth 13.

Queensland.—Thursday Island 2 points, Cooktown 35.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Fine clear weather prevailed during the day, cold and frosty at night; light showers again recorded on the north coast.

Western Australia.—Cloudy to showery in the south-west; clear in the north.

New Caledonia.—Fine and clear at Gomen.

South Australia.—Scattered clouds to dull at Eucla, on the west coast; otherwise fine and clear throughout Victoria and Straits.—Fine and clear throughout.

Tasmania.—Cloudy on the north coast; clear in other parts.

Queensland.—Scattered clouds along the seaboard; clear inland.

Northern Australia.—Fine and clear throughout.

New Zealand.—Dull generally; showery at Wellington.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 6 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Byron Bay, S., light, showery, sea smooth; Ballina, E., showery, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, S., light, showery, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, S., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Belinger Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, S., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, S., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Manning Heads, S., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, W., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, S.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Newcastle, S.W., moderate, cloudy, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, S.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, S.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; South Head, S.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, W., light, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, E.N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Ulladulla, calm, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, N., moderate, fine, sea smooth; Eden, N.N.E., light, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, N.E., fresh, cloudy, misty, sea slight; Gabo Island, N., fresh, cloudy, sea slight.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Fine, with more night frosts, fogs, and dews, milder during the day; some cloud along coastal areas, with occasional showers, but chiefly to the north; winds veering to E. and N.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Frosts again at places; fine weather, with gradually falling barometers; N.E. and N. winds; smooth to slight sea.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Fine, but gradually becoming cloudy; light to fresh N. winds; slight sea.—P. Baracchi.

Western Australia.—Becoming again unsettled and showery throughout southern districts and generally including the Coolgardie fields: very squally on south-west and south coast with rough seas.—W. E. Cooke.

MR. WRAGGE'S FORECASTS.

New South Wales.—Further occasional heavy showers in the far north-east, possibly showers also in other parts of the seaboard; generally fine inland; ground frosts, some fogs, variable winds, but north-north-westers quickly coming, with falling barometers, under "Sprouil," which will shortly bring rain in at least southern parts.

Victoria and Tasmania.—Temporarily fine, fogs, frosts, thereafter comes "Sprouil" in full force in terms of South Australia; rising seas.

Western Australia.—Fine in the far north, rain and strong north-westerly to south-westerly blows in the south, with heavy seas under "Sprouil." Shipping warned.

Northern Territory and Central Australia.—Fine, scattered cloud, easterlies.

South Australia.—Temporarily fine, but "Sprouil" is coming, with falling barometers, rain, hard northerlies to westerlies, rising seas. Shipping and passengers bound west advised.

Queensland.—Coastal rains, especially north from Mackay, under fresh south-easterlies; drought inland; "Sprouil" may bring rain near the southern border within a week.

New Zealand.—Nasty southerly squalls, showers specially on the east coast.

Norfolk Island.—South-easterly weather.

Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga.—Easterly showers.

New Caledonia, Loyalties, and New Hebrides.—Strong easterlies, showery.

Special Note.—"Sprouil" will cause heavy weather over the Southern Ocean generally in a few days, shipping bound west particularly note. Hard north-westerly to south-westerly blows will be experienced, with high seas.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR JULY 3.

Sun rises at 7.0, sets at 4.57; Moon, 4.16 a.m., 2.33 p.m.; Mercury, 5.54 a.m., 4.15 p.m.; Venus, 4.16 a.m., 2.32 p.m.; Mars, 5.24 a.m., 3.20 p.m.; Jupiter, 7.38 p.m., 9.21 a.m.; Saturn, 6.0 p.m., 8.10 a.m.

New moon, July 9; full moon, July 24.

High water at Fort Denison, 6.12 a.m., 6.48 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 3.30* and 7 p.m.
* Letters for Melbourne only will be accepted without late fee for the Express from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. if posted in the special Box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.+
+ Letters for Queensland will be accepted without late fee for the Northern Express from 3.45 to 4.15 p.m. if posted in the Special Box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.
Eden.—Eden, 9 a.m.
Thursday Island, Manila, Hongkong, and Japan.—Kasuga Maru, 11 a.m.
Manning River.—Electra, 1 p.m.
Macleay River and Bellinger Heads.—Burrawong, 2 p.m.
Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Star of New Zealand, 3 p.m.
Samarai (British New Guinea), via Brisbane.—Aramac, 3.45 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Macassar and Sourabaya, via Brisbane.—Duisburg, 3.45 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Australian, 5.30 p.m.
Byron Bay, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.—Dorrigo, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Launceston and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Eden.—Rotokino, 10 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Westralia, 11 a.m.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro from Lyttelton.—Papanui, 11 a.m.
Brisbane.—Adelaide, noon.
Richmond River.—Tonki, 1 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Strahan, Eeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, from Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 9.30 p.m.
‡Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Kalgoorlie, 9.30 p.m.
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MONDAY.

Hobart.—Wakatipu, 10 a.m.
Eden.—Eden, 1 p.m.
Natal, Capetown, and Albany (W.A.), via Adelaide.—Warrigal, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Richmond River.—Kyogle, 2 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Omrah, 4.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Omrah (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Omrah, 5.30 p.m.
Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Taluse, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 7 p.m.
Clarence River.—Nymboida, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay.—Cavanba, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Waihora, 11 a.m.
Tahiti and Rarotonga, from Auckland.—Taviuni, 11 a.m.
Eden.—Bega, 11 a.m.
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The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1902.

A bulletin issued at 20 minutes past 10 o'clock yesterday morning stated that the King had passed an excellent night, that his Majesty was making steady progress in all respects, and that his wound was much on troublesome, and was beginning to heal.

The Australian cricketers defeated an eleven of Scotland by an innings and 105 runs.

Ranjitsinhji scored 230 in one innings for Sussex against Essex.

The first five of 136 motors which competed in the race from Paris to Vienna averaged 30 miles per hour for the whole distance.

It is reported that Austria is alarmed at the Russo-Bulgarian Convention.

English and Moscow capitalists have contracted to construct a railway from Tomsk to Tashkend. Russia guarantees 65 per cent. of the capital. Half the board of directors will be English.

H.M.S. Amphitrite has cruised amongst the ports of the Persian Gulf. She is the largest warship that has made the trip, and she created a great sensation.

In our cables is given a description of the review of the colonial troops by the Prince of Wales in London.

The consensus of opinion is that the review was the most imposing and impressive, as a spectacle of the Empire's strength, ever held on the Horse Guards' Parade.

The colonials received an ovation on their way from Victoria station, and they were keenly gratified.

The Gustav Adolph, from Fremantle, has been wrecked off Caledon. The captain and three of the crew were drowned.

The King of Italy, at the Kaiser's request, has postponed his visit to Berlin until August, but will visit St. Petersburg in the middle of July, as arranged.

An Anglo-French syndicate has been registered in London, having obtained important mining and railway concessions in Yunnan.

At a dinner given by the Benchers of the Inner Temple Sir E. Barton said he hoped to remain in England for the Coronation, and to retain the colonial troops there if circumstances permitted.

He said that Mr. Chamberlain had proposed the Premiers' Conference with a view to giving order and regularity to the sentiments of the colonies towards the motherland, and the present conference would bring the culmination nearer.

At the moment of peace 202,000 troops, excluding the local forces, were under arms in South Africa.

The "Standard" says it is reported in well-informed quarters that Lord Brassey has accepted the Governor-Generalship of the Commonwealth.

The select committee appointed to inquire into the carriage of newspapers on the State railways took further evidence yesterday.

At a meeting held at Vickery's-chambers yesterday steps were taken to establish a homœopathic hospital in Sydney.

The Earl of Hopetoun was accorded a hearty send-off from Melbourne yesterday. Addresses were presented to his Excellency, and in the streets there were many demonstrations of goodwill.

The Public Works Committee took further evidence yesterday regarding the construction of a concrete dam across the Cataract River.

At the inquest on the recent fire at Wilga-terrace, Bourke, a verdict of incendiarism was returned.

A new ferry was opened between Brushgrove and Lower Southgate, on the Clarence, yesterday.

The State Governor received an address of welcome yesterday from the Congregational Union of New South Wales.

Yesterday a deputation representative of the pastoral industry waited upon the Minister for Lands to protest against certain provisions of the Rabbit Act. Mr. Crick gave generally a sympathetic reply.

A deputation from the Stock Boards' Convention also waited on the State Treasurer, and presented a number of resolutions which had been arrived at by a recent conference. Mr. Waddell said he would consider the representations.

Mr. O'Sullivan stated to a deputation yesterday that he would have reports obtained upon various suggested routes for the improvement of the Annandale tramway system.

The Railway Department in Queensland has decided to allow a rebate of 50 per cent. in the conveyance of fodder to certain districts.

Mr. Wragge has telegraphed to Mr. Deakin expressing annoyance and surprise at the withdrawal of the concession of free telegrams and correspondence for the Queensland Weather Bureau.

An hotel and several stores were destroyed by fire at Ilfracombe (Q.) yesterday.

The sentence of death passed on the Queensland aboriginal Willis has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

At a meeting of the health committee of the City Council yesterday a lengthy report from the building surveyor was received.

A paper was laid on the table of the Legislative Assembly last night dealing in detail with the grievances of returned soldiers.

At a meeting of the Melbourne Harbour Trust yesterday a letter was received from the Cornwall Coal Company, of Tasmania, surrendering their contract owing to the strike amongst the miners.

Yesterday the Mayor of Sydney was examined before the select committee appointed to inquire into the system of municipal government for Greater Sydney.

The city team defeated the country football team yesterday by 33 points to 3.

In the Legislative Assembly yesterday Mr. Levy asked the Premier when he would introduce a bill dealing with a referendum regarding the reduction of members. Sir J. See asked the hon. member to give notice of the question.

The bill providing for an annual expenditure of £200,000 for five years on works of water supply and irrigation, has been introduced into Parliament.

A tabulated statement showing the receipts and expenditure of the transferred departments and the amounts handed back to each State, as prepared by Sir George Turner, is published in this issue.

A reception, which had been postponed from Coronation Day, was held at Government House, Adelaide, yesterday. The company sang the National Anthem, with the addition of a verse composed by Lord Tennyson.

The South Australian Parliament will be opened to-day.

Owing to the breaking of an electric wire on the tramway near Hobart on Tuesday night two horses were electrocuted, the wire having touched their necks.

Tasmania is exporting 300 fat sheep to S

THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCES.

POSITIONS OF THE STATES.

WORKING OF THE TRANSFERRED DEPARTMENTS.

The Federal Treasurer has made available the figures showing receipts and expenditure of the transferred departments in each State. The particulars are as follow:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Revenue.

Customs and Excise	£2,816,000
Post and Telegraph	871,000
Defence, &c.	8,000
Total	£3,695,000

Expenditure.

Customs	£58,000
Post and Telegraph	827,000
Defence	229,400
Proportion of new expenditure ...	128,600
Balance handed back	2,38[illegible],000
Total	£3,696,000

VICTORIA.

Revenue.

Customs and Excise	£2,270,000
Post and Telegraph	589,000
Defence, &c.	7,000
Total	£2,971,000

Expenditure.

Customs	£83,000
Post and Telegraph	574,200
Defence	304,350
Proportion of new expenditure ...	108,350
Balance handed back	1,921,000
Total	£2,971,000

QUEENSLAND.

Revenue.

Customs and Excise	£1,305,000
Post and Telegraph	313,000
Defence, &c.	500
Total	£1,620,500

Expenditure.

Customs	£56,000
Post and Telegraph	433,800
Defence, &c.	185,000
Proportion of new expenditure ...	45,600
Balance handed back	905,000
Total	£1,620,500

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Revenue.

Custom[illegible]nd Excise	£697,300
Post and Telegraph	278,700
Defence, &c.	2,000
Total	£978,000

Expenditure.

Customs	£24,000
Post and Telegraph	240,000
Defence	48,000
Proportion of new expenditure ...	83,100
Balance handed back	636,000
Total	£978,000

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Revenue.

Customs and Excise	£1,836,000
Post and Telegraph	224,000
Defence, &c.	100
Total	£1,960,100

Expenditure.

Customs	£22,000
Post and Telegraph	236,000
Defence	33,000
Proportion of new expenditure ...	17,100
Balance handed back	1,220,000
Total	£1,960,100

TASMANIA.

Revenue.

Customs and Excise	£378,000
Post and Telegraph	102,000
Defence, &c.	200
Total	£480,200

Expenditure.

Customs	£10,000
Post and Telegraph	110,000
Defence	98,000
Proportion of new expenditure ...	15,700
Balance handed back	315,500
Total	£480,200

Although the Commonwealth had a surplus of nearly £900,000 last year, it must not be thought that it retained this money. The Constitution Act provides that all unexpended moneys must be returned to the States at the end of each month, and therefore the Treasurer had no cash in hand on the morning of the 1st. Still, if the Federal Parliament had voted the expenditure he could have spent another £900,000 without exceeding the proportion of Customs revenue allotted to the Commonwealth by the Constitution. It does not follow that the Commonwealth will have anything like as large a credit balance next year. The expenditure will be reduced by £130,000 owing to the defence retrenchment, but fully £180,000 of revenue money will be spent in public works, and the proclamation of the Public Service Act will mean an additional outlay of some £40,000 to pay increased salaries. It is quite possible therefore that the expenditure for last year may be exceeded by £200,000 next year, and if the Commonwealth was called upon to pay the interest on the capital value of the transferred services £350,000 would be required for this purpose alone. Sir George Turner, warned by past experience, will not attempt at the present time to forecast what the tariff may yield this year. He intends to find out what each item on the schedule has produced to date, and with this information before him he will frame his Estimates for next year.

NOTES IN THE STATE PARLIAMENT.

On the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon the Deputy President read a communication from his Excellency the State Governor announcing the receipt of a cable message from the Queen and Prince of Wales desiring him to convey to the House their warm thanks for the kind message of sympathy with his Majesty the King in his illness. The whole of the consolidating bills, numbering 56, were then read the second time, and passed through committee, and the third reading was fixed for Wednesday next. The consideration of the Scaffolding and Lifts Bill in committee was proceeded with, and some exception was taken to clause 4 providing that 24 hours' notice should be given to inspectors before commencing the erection of scaffolding, and it was postponed in order that an amendment might be framed giving power to erect scaffolding at once in cases of emergency, and obtain the approval of the inspector before using it. The remaining clauses were passed without material amendment, and the remaining business having been postponed the House adjourned till Wednesday next.

In the Legislative Assembly not only were a large number of questions asked and replied to in the ordinary manner, but a number of queries were showered upon Ministers without notice. At last the hint was given to members that "notice ought to be given in the usual way," and the interrogations ceased.

It was the work of a few moments only for the Minister for Lands to pass the second reading of the Timber Licensing Bill and to pilot it through committee, and then Mr. O'Sullivan introduced the Water and Drainage Bill, which provides for the annual expenditure of £200,000 for a period of five years on works of water supply, water conservation or irrigation, and of drainage. There is provision in the constitution of trusts to administer the scheme where the cost exceeds £500, and power to authorise the raising of the sum necessary by loan. Mr. O'Sullivan handed a copy of the bill to the leader of the Opposition, but he did not explain its provisions. He promised, however, that a synopsis of the measure should be prepared within a few days.

After dinner the debate on the second reading of the Audit Bill was resumed by Mr. Affleck, who discussed the main clauses of the measure and expressed his intention of proposing a number of amendments in committee. The bill was somewhat severely criticised by Mr. Carruthers, who expressed regret that he could not support it. It was, he said, chiefly composed of selections from the existing law, and the only original matter in it was condemned by nearly every financial authority in the State with the exception of the Treasurer. The suggestion was thrown out that the best way of coming to a decision with regard to the proper interpretation of the Audit Act would be to have a special case stated to the Supreme Court. In concluding his speech Mr. Carruthers condemned in strong terms the proposal in the bill before the House to relegate the powers of Parliament in financial matters to a small committee of the Assembly.

The discussion was continued for some time, there being apparently a great desire on the part of a large number of members to contribute to the debate. The measure was supported by Mr. D. R. Hall, who pointed out that a great deal of good had resulted from the financial committee in the House of Commons. Mr. Wood criticised the measure at considerable length and in an adverse strain. He especially condemned the proposed appointment of a finance committee unless the functions of that body were confined to examining the public accounts, reporting upon them, and it necessary advising the House with regard to them.

Speeches having been made by Mr. Dick and Mr. Cohen, the second reading was agreed to, and the bill was taken into committee pro forma. The House adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

CHINA.

ANGLO-FRENCH CONCESSIONS IN YUNNAN.

AN IMMENSE AREA.

LONDON, July 2.

Dr. Morrison, the Peking correspondent of the "Times," reports that M. Rocher, the French Consul-General at Yunnan city, representing an Anglo-French syndicate registered in London, has secured a concession for 60 years of 85 coal, copper, nickel, quicksilver, petroleum, tin, and other mines, covering one-third of the surface of the province of Yunnan. The syndicate has also secured the right to build branch railways for the carriage of minerals, and to build roads and to construct canals for the same purpose.

An Imperial edict has been issued approving of the concessions granted.

THE PAYMENT OF THE INDEMNITY.

THE DEPRECIATION OF SILVER.

THE EMPIRE'S DEMANDS.

LONDON, July 2.

China has refused to pay the July instalment of the indemnity to the Powers except at the rate of exchange which existed on April 1, 1901.

Great Britain proposes to permit the payment of the indemnity in silver until 1910, as China otherwise will greatly suffer by the depreciation of silver.

[China contends that owing to the depreciation of silver since the signing of the indemnity agreement she will, if compelled to pay in gold, be a greater loser by the indemnity than is intended.]

MOTHERLAND AND COLONIES.

DRAWING CLOSER THE BONDS.

THE GOVERNMENT'S DESIRES.

LONDON, July 2.

Mr. Seton Karr, M.P. (Conservative) for St. Helen's, Lancashire, wrote to Mr. A. J. Balfour, the First Lord of the Treasury, assuring him that a strong body of Unionists in Lancashire and Cheshire support the Government in advancing the question of an Imperial zollverein.

Mr. Balfour wrote in reply stating that the Government was most desirous of drawing as close as possible the ties, both sentimental and commercial, binding us to the colonies.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

REPORTED APPOINTMENT OF LORD BRASSEY.

LONDON, July 2.

The "Standard" this morning states that it is reported in well informed quarters that Lord Brassey, formerly Governor of Victoria, has accepted the position of Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Our Melbourne correspondent wired last night that the Federal Government knew nothing of the reported appointment of Lord Brassey.

THE KING OF ITALY'S TOUR.

LONDON, July 2.

The King of Italy (Victor Emmanuel III.) at the request of the German Emperor has postponed his visit to Berlin until August.

As previously arranged, the King of Italy will visit St. Petersburg about the middle of this month.

THE PERSIAN GULF.

LONDON, July 1.

H.M.S. Amphitrite (first-class cruiser) has cruised among the ports of the Persian Gulf. She is the largest warship that has ever visited the Persian Gulf, and has created a great sensation.

The Russian cruiser Varyag visited the ports of the Persian Gulf in December last and created a great impression. She was up to that time the largest warship which had visited the Gulf. The Amphitrite has a displacement of 11,000 tons and the Varyag 6900.

TURKESTAN RAILWAYS.

LONDON, July 1.

English and Moscow capitalists have contracted to construct a railway from Tomak to Tashkend, the principal town of Turkestan. Russia guarantees 65 per cent. of the capital required. Half the board of directors will be English.

RUSSO-BULGARIAN CONVENTION.

LONDON, July 1.

The Brussels correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" states that Austria is alarmed at the Russo-Bulgarian Convention.

MOTOR CAR RACE.

LONDON, July 1.

The result of the motor car race from Paris to Vienna has not been settled owing to protests. The first five of the 136 motors which competed averaged 36 miles an hour all the way.

COUNTY CRICKET.

SUSSEX v. ESSEX.

LONDON, July 1.

Ranjitsinhji scored 230 in one innings for Sussex against Essex.

CARLISLE RACE MEETING.

LONDON, July 2.

The Australian-bred horse Syerla, by Goso from Cerise and Blue, won the Solway Selling Plate of £100, 1 mile, Overbury being second, and Tucka Tucka third.

TO-DAY.

Public School Teachers' Association: Annual Conference, Girls' High School, 10 a.m.

Table Tennis Tournament: Queen's Hall, 3 p.m. and evening.

Stud Sheep Sales: Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, 10 a.m.

Pastoralists' Union of N.S.W.: Annual Meeting, Wool Exchange, 7.30 p.m.

Public Meeting of Women of N.S.W., re Portrait of the Queen: Town Hall, 3 p.m.

Royal Society of N.S.W., Economic Section: Meeting, 5 Elizabeth-street, 8 p.m.

Unemployed Citizens: Meeting, Queen's Statue, 7.30 p.m.

Hairdressers' Union: Meeting, Trades Hall, 8 p.m.

Tivoli Theatre: New Vaudeville Company, 8 p.m.

Theatre Royal: "Sweet Nell of Old Drury," 8 p.m.

Palace Theatre: "Facing the Music," 8 p.m.

Criterion Theatre: "Barabbas," 8 p.m.

Lyceum Theatre: "The Great Ruby," 8 p.m.

THE KING.

STEADY PROGRESS IN ALL RESPECTS.

WOUND LESS TROUBLESOME.

INTEREST IN THE COLONIAL REVIEW.

THE CORONATION.

LONDON, July 1, 7.35 p.m.

The following bulletin regarding the King's health was issued at 7 p.m.:—"The advancement in his Majesty's condition is maintained. His appetite is improving. Dressing the wound is less painful, but he is still easily fatigued by the least exertion."

July 2, 4.50 a.m

The bulletin issued late last night announced: "His Majesty is making uninterrupted and satisfactory progress."

July 2, 10.20 a.m.

The following bulletin was issued at 10 o'clock this morning:—

"His Majesty passed an excellent night, and he is making steady progress in all respects. The wound is much less troublesome and is beginning to heal."

HOW HIS MAJESTY SPENT TUESDAY.

ANXIOUS TO LEARN OF THE REVIEW.

LONDON, July 2.

King Edward slept for nine hours on Monday night. On Tuesday morning he ate a good breakfast and afterwards enjoyed a cigar. His Majesty was able to appreciate the stirring music of the bands leading the colonial troops and the South African veterans past the Palace to the review.

His Majesty was extremely anxious to learn all the details of the ceremony.

The Queen on returning from the review at half-past 12 o'clock found the Royal patient progressing. His Majesty again spent the afternoon on a couch, the change of position from his bed affording him relief.

THE CORONATION.

MUCH QUIETER THAN INTENDED.

RELIGIOUS CHARACTER MORE STRONGLY EMPHASISED.

LONDON, July 2.

It is announced that the Coronation will be much quieter than was originally intended, but its religious character will be more strongly emphasised.

There will be fewer representatives of foreign nations, except the nearer connections of Royalty.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will greatly relieve the Sovereigns of the social functions attending on the Coronation.

ILLUMINATION OF CAPETOWN.

LONDON, July 2.

It is announced that Capetown will be illuminated on July 3, in celebration of the recovery of the King.

FEDERAL ILLUMINATIONS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

It has been decided to illuminate the Commonwealth public buildings when it is officially announced that the King has recovered.

The Coronation illuminations placed in position at the Federal offices will be left untouched for another 10 days in the hope that news will be received that the King's recovery is sufficiently advanced to allow of a thanksgiving display.

THE COLONIAL CORONATION CONTINGENTS.

THE NEW ZEALANDERS REMAIN THROUGH AUGUST.

LONDON, July 2.

Mr. Seddon, the Premier of New Zealand, has instructed the New Zealand Coronation Contingent to remain in England till the end of August.

THE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS.

VIEWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH PREMIER.

LONDON, July 2.

At the dinner given to the colonial Premiers by the benchers of the Inner Temple last night Sir Edmund Barton said that he hoped that he would be able to retain the Australian Contingent in London if there was a prospect of the Coronation of the King taking place sufficiently early to enable the arrangement to be made.

WRECK OF THE BARQUE GUSTAV ADOLPH.

CAPTAIN AND THREE MEN DROWNED.

LONDON, July 2.

The barque Gustav Adolph, from Fremantle for Capetown, has been wrecked off the coast of the Caledon district, southern Cape Colony. The captain and three of the crew were drowned.

The Gustav Adolph sailed from Fremantle on May 3 with a cargo of 718 loads of timber consigned to Capetown. She was a Norwegian barque of 757 tons gross register, and was constructed of wood in the year 1879 at Arendal. Her principal dimensions were:—Length, 160ft. 5in.; breadth, 35ft.; and depth, 17ft. 5in. The Gustav Adolph was owned by O. B. Sorensen, of Arendal, and was commanded on her fatal voyage by Captain Gjeradsen.

THE SHIPPING SUBSIDY COMMITTEE.

EVIDENCE OF A SHIPOWNER.

BOUNTIES FOR SAILING VESSELS ADVOCATED.

LONDON, July 2.

Mr. Leyland, of the Leyland Shipping Line, gave evidence before the subsidies committee yesterday. He recommended that the Government should grant bounties to sailing vessels, and should train sailors so that they could be ultimately available for the navy.

Mr. Leyland said that French vessels, owing to the bounties they receive, made a profit on freight on which British shipowners lost.

DEFENCE OF LIVERPOOL.

LONDON, July 2.

The War Office is acquiring 700 acres of land on which to instal batteries of heavy guns for the defence of Liverpool.

Among the passengers by the incoming San Francisco mail steamer Sierra is Mr. H. M. Gooch, the organising secretary of the Children's Special Service Mission and the Young People's Scripture Union, who is returning to Australia after a five months' tour through New Zealand in the interests of the Scripture Union. On the same boat is Mr. R. F. Drury, B.A., of Wadham College, Oxford, who has during the past eight months been travelling through Canada in the interests of the same work. On arrival in Sydney Messrs. Gooch and Drury will unite in special mission work among the young people of the various States. They will return to England early in March, 1903.

REVIEW OF COLONIAL TROOPS.

BY THE PRINCE OF WALES.

THE QUEEN PRESENT.

IMPRESSIVE AND IMPOSING SPECTACLE.

THE EMPIRE'S STRENGTH.

CONFERRING OF DECORATIONS.

LONDON, July 1.

The Prince of Wales reviewed the colonial troops to-day on the Horse Guards Parade. His Royal Highness was accompanied by the Crown Prince of Denmark, the Crown Prince of Sweden, the Crown Prince of Roumania, the Duke of Aosta (cousin of the King of Italy), the Grand Duke of Hesse, the Duke of Cambridge, and other Royal personages, and the Indian Feudatory Princes. The Prince of Wales followed Queen Alexandra, who was accompanied by the Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud.

There were crowds of spectators besides the Colonial Premiers and many other distinguished persons.

The Fijians, the Maoris, the Sikhs, and the Negritos aroused the greatest interest.

The colonial war veterans were splendidly greeted.

After the inspection the Prince of Wales received the salute, and then presented several of the troops with the Victoria Cross and medals.

July 2.

The consensus of opinion is that the review of the Colonial Contingents was the most imposing and the most impressive, as affording a spectacle of the Empire's strength, ever held on the Horse Guards' Parade.

The colonial troops received ovations all the way from Victoria Station, to which they had travelled from Alexandra Palace by train, and were keenly gratified with their reception.

Brigadier-General Sir E. Y. Brabant (Cape Colony), Colonel Cameron (Australia), Colonel Cantwell, Colonel Gordon, Colonel Porter, of New Zealand, and Colonel Penton were conspicuous in the ranks. The famous Bugle Band of the Royal Canadian Rifles was a feature of the parade.

A portion of the route from Victoria station to the Horse Guards' Parade was lined by the Coldstream Guards and the Irish Guards, while the 10th Hussars and the 13th Hussars and a band formed a semi-circle at the entrance of Grosvenor-crescent and Hyde Park Corner. Here the colonial troops were joined by the South African Column from Kensington Gardens, and they arrived on the parade ground to the strains of the massed bands of the Guards.

The Canadian troops led. Then followed the Australians and the New Zealanders. The Cape Colony and Natal troops were next in order, and following them came the native troops from the various colonies, while last of all were the veterans from South Africa, whose officers held only a small whip.

The troops all in long lines, under the command of Field-Marshal the Duke of Connaught, awaited the arrival of the Queen.

The colonial Premiers were accommodated on stands below the windows of the sovereign room of the Horse Guards. Sir Wilfrid Laurier of Canada, Sir Edmund Barton of Australia, and Mr. R. Seddon of New Zealand, led a hearty outburst of greetings to the Queen, who was attired in a bright summer costume. Her Majesty immediately recognised the loyal and enthusiastic statesmen. The Princess of Wales also recognised the colonial statesmen.

Both the Queen and the Princess of Wales looked pale. They smiled and bowed their acknowledgments of the greetings, and were pleased with their enthusiastic reception.

After the Royal salute had been given in honour of the Queen, further cheering heralded the approach of the Prince of Wales and the cavalcade accompanying him. Included in this body was Earl Roberts, the Commander-in-Chief, who was ahead of the Prince of Wales, also the Headquarters Staff of the Army, the Indian Aides-de-Camp of the King, the Foreign Military Attaches, and military guests.

Rarely has there been seen on the parade a finer display of varied uniforms.

The Prince of Wales was in the uniform of a General Officer, and wore the ribbon of a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

The Duke of Connaught saluted the Queen with his sword and offered her a copy of the parade state.

The lines were then inspected, the Queen in her carriage preceding the Prince of Wales and his cavalcade. The distribution of honours to members of the Colonial Contingents and the proclamation of the deeds of gallantry which won these honours followed the inspection.

The Prince of Wales, dismounting, pinned the medals on the tunics of the recipients, saying a few words to each and shaking each warmly by the hand.

Included among those who received medals and decorations were:—

Victoria Crosses: Lieutenant Hardham (New Zealand), Lieutenant F. Bell (Western Australia).

Distinguished Service Order: Major A. Bennett (New South Wales).

Companionship of the Bath: Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. Cox (New South Wales).

Companionship of St. Michael and St. George: Colonel Bauchop (New Zealand).

Distinguished Conduct Medals: Sergeant-Major Costello (Tasmania), Sergeant Walker (Queensland), Private Lindfield (New South Wales), Private Render (New South Wales), Private Starkey (Victoria), Private Condill (Western Australia), Private Baigent (New Zealand).

After the march past and the final salute the Duke of Connaught called for three cheers for the King, and a mighty shout followed, the South African veterans at the same time waving their hats on the muzzles of their rifles. Three cheers were also given for the Queen.

Passing Buckingham Palace, the Australian and New Zealand officers carried their swords at the salute, although his Majesty was not visible.

Hundreds of colonial visitors in London were not able to witness the review, owing to the few seats at the disposal of the Agents-General. What seats were obtainable were allotted by balloting.

BATHURST MUSICAL COMPETITIONS.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

At the meeting of the Bathurst Musical and Literary Association to-night the programme was arranged for the competitions to be held in November next. It was decided to offer £200 for the champion brass band contest, the first prize being £150, second £40, and third £10. The second-class band contest prizes will be £70, the first prize £50, second £15, and third £5. Prizes for the quick-step contest will be £15. For the grand choral chorus they will be £110 and a silver cup valued at £15, the first prize being £75, the second £25, and the third £10. In the second-class choral contest the first prize will be £25, and the second £10.

COLONIAL PREMIERS.

INNER TEMPLE DINNER.

SPEECH BY SIR EDMUND BARTON.

OBJECT OF THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

ADDRESS BY MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

COLONIAL REPRESENTATION IN THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, July 2.

The Benchers of the Inner Temple last night entertained the Colonial Premiers at dinner.

Sir Edmund Barton (the Premier of Australia), in responding to the toast of his health, said that he hoped to remain in London, and would do so if the Coronation took place sufficiently early to enable the arrangement to be made.

Continuing, he said that Mr. Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, proposed the holding of the Imperial Conference with a view of giving order and regularity to the sentiments of the colonies towards the motherland. The present conference would bring the culmination of those sentiments nearer, and the conferences which would be held in the future would be armed with greater authority than the present body.

There were some things which Australians would love to do if they could. If they fell short of expectation he hoped that Englishmen would infer from Australian earnestness that Australians would be ever at their sides with their hearts and their swords. (Cheers.)

Sir A. H. Hime, the Premier of Natal, said that the colonies hoped that in the future they would be represented in the Imperial Parliament.

Mr. Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in the course of his speech, replied to the statement of Sir A. H. Hime. He said: "Great Britain will welcome colonial representatives in the Imperial Parliament. The colonies now enjoy the privileges of the Empire, and if they are willing to assume a share of the responsibilities and the burdens we will be only too glad of their support, as we rejoice in the priceless moral and material support which they showed in our recent trials."

THE CANADA DINNER.

MR. SEDDON ADVOCATES STEAMSHIP SUBSIDIES.

LONDON, July 2.

Mr. R. Seddon, the Premier of New Zealand, speaking at the Dominion dinner in London last night, said that the all British cable, bringing the motherland and the colonies closer to each other, required as its corollary subsidised steamships to enable us to compete with foreign countries.

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET.

THE AUSTRALIANS' TOUR.

MATCH AGAINST SCOTLAND.

VISITORS WIN EASILY.

LONDON, July 1.

The match between the Australian Eleven and an eleven of Scotland was resumed at Edinburgh to-day.

Yesterday the home team got 109, and the visitors lost six wickets for 283 (Duff 98).

The Australians' innings closed to-day for 305.

Scotland in the second innings had three wickets down for 24, and the tenth fell at 91.

The Australians won by an innings and 105 runs.

THE NEXT MATCH.

The third test match of the tour will commence to-day at Sheffield, and will be the first occasion upon which a test match will be witnessed on that ground. The first test was played at Birmingham. There England declared the innings closed at 376 for nine wickets, and the Australians were dismissed for 36, and had lost two for 46 when play was abandoned owing to rain. That contest was remarkable for Tyldesley's 138 and Rhodes's and Hirst's bowling in the first innings, Rhodes equalling Noble's bowling record of seven wickets for 17. The second test was played at Lords. There, as usual this season, the rain again interfered with the game, and caused it to be abandoned when the Englishmen had two wickets down for 162 after having lost Fry and Ranjitsinhji before a run had been scored. The present will be the sixty-fourth test match. England has won 27, Australia 24, and 12 have been drawn.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, July 1.

Mr. W. E. Carbery has retired from the position of manager of the London office of the Union Bank of Australia owing to ill-health, and has been succeeded by Mr. Arthur C. Willis, who for some years was assistant manager in London, and previously was an inspector of the bank in Western Australia.

It is announced that Captain S. T. Staughton, M.L.A., of Victoria, is engaged to his cousin, the eldest daughter of Mr. Howard Spensley, formerly Solicitor-General of Victoria.

THE WEATHER.

Mr. H. C. Russell (Government Astronomer) in his report on the weather last month states:—"June has brought much less than the average rainfall all over the State excepting only six stations in south-eastern parts. On the coast south from Sydney, they have had from 3½in. to 4in. About Sydney, 4in; over the Hunter Valley, 4in. to 1in.; on the coast north of Newcastle the quantity of rain has been very irregular, varying from 4in. to 1-5in.; over eastern parts of River Darling a few stations have had from 1in. to 1¼in.; the majority had less than an inch—at Millie it was only a tenth of an inch. Western parts of the River Darling tributaries no useful rain fell, excepting Carinda and Coonamble. West of the Darling little or no rain fell. Between the Darling, Bogan, and Lachlan one-tenth to seven-tenths of an inch only. In Western Riverina the rainfall has ranged from 3-10in. to 1¼in. and in Eastern Riverina they were more favoured, the falls ranging up to 4¼in. Still as a whole the rainfall is very much below the average. The percentages below the average are: On the coast south from Sydney, 7 to 95 per cent.; at and about Sydney, 91; Hunter River Valley, 43 to 85; on the North Coast, 54 to 93; over tributaries east of the Darling, 43 to 85; over tributaries west of the Darling, 35 to 100; west of the Darling, 63 to 100; between the Darling, Lachlan, and Bogan, 50 to 97; Riverina, Western, 20 to 87; Riverina, Eastern, 9 to 13 above to 16 to 77 below."

Light showers continued to fall yesterday along the northern portion of the New South Wales coast, but fine weather prevailed everywhere inland. It was showery last night at Byron Bay, Ballina, and Clarence Heads. At the lastnamed station 90 points were recorded during the course of the day. Smooth seas were running along the entire coastline yesterday and light winds prevailed. Mr. Russell says that occasional showers will again fall to-day along the northern coastal areas, but he does not anticipate any rain in the interior.

BRUSHGROVE, Wednesday.

The weather to-night is showery.

DUBBO, Wednesday.

Only 261 points of rain have fallen since January. The total since November is under three inches.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

Following is the official record of the rainfall for the half-year just ended:—January, 50 points; February, 9; March, 184; April, nil; May, 56; June, 189. Total, 448 points.

YAMBA, Wednesday.

Splendid rain fell during last night and to-day, a total of 90 points being registered. The weather is still showery. The total rainfall for the month of June was 182 points.

"Australius" writes:—"In Captain Neitenstein's annual report on the prisoners of the State I do not see any analysis of the prisoners' religions. I am sure it would be interesting to the public to know."

SOUTH AFRICA.

REPATRIATION OF THE TROOPS.

COLONIALS AMONGST THE FIRST TO RETURN.

IMMENSE TRANSPORT FLEET.

LONDON, July 2.

It is officially announced that at the moment of peace there were 202,000 men under arms in South Africa.

Seventy thousand men will embark before any of the regular troops are despatched for home.

Thirty-nine Government transports, with a carrying capacity of 40,000 men, have been engaged. In addition to these transports the weekly steamers to the Cape and Natal will be utilised for repatriation, each carrying 2500 men.

All the Imperial Yeomanry which were sent to South Africa in 1901 and 18,000 reservists will embark before August.

The Australians and the New Zealanders are returning home in six ships. The overseas colonials will be among the first to embark.

The Imperial Yeomanry, the overseas colonials, and the Volunteer service companies will be granted a month's leave of absence on landing.

MR. STEYN.

LONDON, July 1.

It is reported that Mr. Kruger has received information that Mr. Steyn is hopelessly paralysed.

COMMANDANT DE WET'S MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, July 1.

Reuter's correspondent states that it is not generally known that the British had an agent who accompanied Commandant de Wet during his wanderings. The agent's reports were most valuable.

MAJOR-GENERAL CLEMENTS.

EULOGY BY COMMANDANT DELAREY.

LONDON, July 1.

Commandant Delarey declares that Major-General R. A. P. Clements was the best General he encountered, and that the finest piece of work he did was saving the Nooitgedacht camp on December 13, 1901.

[Major-General Clements moved from Krugersdorp to break up Delarey's commando, which was located on the slopes of the Magaliesberg. Delarey was joined by Beyers on December 12, 1901, and the combined forces attacked General Clements at Nooitgedacht on December 13. They were repulsed, but captured four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers after their ammunition was exhausted, and both sides suffered heavy loss. General Clements had to fall back on Commando Nek, where he was reinforced. Lieutenant-General French was then placed in command of all the forces operating north and south of the Magaliesberg, and the enemy was defeated on December 19 at Thorndale and driven westward, thus freeing the Rustenburg district.]

RETURNED SOLDIERS.

CORAKI, Wednesday.

A banquet was held in Bridge-street Hall last evening to welcome home returned soldiers from South Africa and to celebrate the proclamation of peace. Eighty persons attended, including 12 troopers, most of whom have been right through the campaign. Captain Fanning, with Lieutenants M'Rae, Thomas, and Spencer, were present. It was a splendid success; patriotic songs were sung and stirring speeches were made. The returned men spoke in generous terms of the Boers as honourable foemen and predicted a lasting peace and prosperity in the future for South Africa. The volunteer movement appears to be increasing in popularity in the district.

RETURNING TROOPS.

Private cables received in Sydney indicate that amongst the 1400 Commonwealth troops returning in the transport Manchester Merchant is the last battalion—the Fifth—sent from this State, numbering about 500 officers and men. It is probable that the remainder comprise the last troops despatched from the other States.

IN THE COUNTRY.

BOURKE, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the peace demonstration committee last evening the treasurer reported that £221 had been collected to date.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

LORD HOPETOUN'S NEW TITLE.

HIS DEPARTURE FROM MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

It was reported this morning that Lord Hopetoun's new title will be the Marquis of Linlithgow. The title is taken from the county in which he was born.

Mr. J. W. Fleming, secretary of the unemployed, who distributed the Earl of Hopetoun's gifts of money and wine, has received from his Excellency a signed photograph, accompanying a letter acknowledging the receipt of a photo. from Mr. Fleming.

The high esteem in which Lord Hopetoun is held by the general public was shown this afternoon in the manner of his send-off. The streets through which his Excellency passed on the way to Spencer-street railway station were thickly peopled, and he was everywhere greeted with demonstrations of hearty goodwill. A guard of honour, supplied by the Scottish Regiment, was in attendance at Government House, and an escort of Victorian Mounted Rifles and Melbourne cavalry attended his Excellency on the way to the railway station. Major-General Hutton, C.B., with the headquarters staff, and Colonel Price, with the district headquarters staff, rode in the procession. There was a large gathering of leading public men on the station platform, as well as of the general public in the vicinity of the station. Captain Wallington, A.D.C., accompanies his Excellency as far as Sydney, and then returns to Melbourne in order to be ready to receive Lord Tennyson, the Acting Governor-General, who is expected to arrive on the 17th instant. The farewell proceedings at Government House to-day included the presentation of addresses on behalf of the Royal Geographical Society, the City Council, the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, and the elders' assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. His Excellency made set replies, in each of which he expressed the grief he felt at leaving the country where he had enjoyed so much happiness and made so many friends.

INDUSTRY ON THE MOUNTAINS.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

It is reported from Portland that the cement factory is rapidly nearing completion, and in the course of a few weeks the works will be ready for operations. The boilers have been fried and a turn taken out of the electrical engine, and doubtless in the next few days the 650-horse power engine will be tried, and along with it the ball and tube mills. Want of water is now the great drawback, and unless rain falls very soon the consequences will be serious, both for the residents and the company. Work at the water supply for Portland is progressing, a large portion of the trenches having been excavated. A large dam is being made on the western side of the town, into which the supply will gravitate from the Dog-trap dam through pipes, and thence the town will be supplied through another set of pipes.

Business here at present is quiet, and employment is scarce owing to the long drought and other things. Work at the local industries is much slacker than for a long time past, and there is not much prospect of improvement in the near future. Comparatively few men are now getting full time, and as the town is wholly dependent on its industries the influence of the scarcity of employment is felt generally.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

There were no developments with regard to plague yesterday. It is now 20 days since the last case was reported.

The patients at the Coast Hospital are reported to be progressing favourably.

IMPROVEMENTS AT ERSKINEVILLE PARK.

Mr. Robert Hollis, M.L.A. for Newtown-Erskine Electorate, has been informed by the Minister for Lands that in response to his representation the sum of £250 had been granted the trustees of the Erskineville Park in order to assist them in defraying the expense of erecting a pavilion on the cricket and sports oval. The necessity for such a building has frequently been brought under the notice of the trustees. On this oval, where senior cricket matches are played and other sports are carried on, there is always a large attendance of the general public, and the want of some protection from the sun's rays or from stormy weather has been commented on freely by the residents. It is proposed to proceed with the erection of the pavilion at once.

SECOND EDITION.

THE TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, July 2.

At the weekly auctions of Australasian tallow to-day 1735 casks were offered and 730 casks were sold.

Prices were:—Fine mutton 38s, medium mutton 32s; fine beef 35s 9d, medium beef 31s 6d.

POLICY OF THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT.

SPEECH BY MR. PHILP.

REDUCTION OF MEMBERS' SALARIES.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The Premier, in the course of an address to-night at Maryborough, said that it was the intention of the Government to reduce the salaries of members of Parliament to £250 a year. They could not reduce the number of members at present, but as an earnest of their bona fides in retrenching the House would be asked to pass a measure to reduce members' salaries by £50. The salaries of Ministers would also be reduced by £150 a year each. The Government intended to carry out railways approved, and in the next batch the line to Gayndah would be included. "We must give better terms," he said, "to farmers, squatters, and miners in order to develop the vast resources of the State." The progressive electoral measure giving an extra vote to married men would be modified, but after it was passed a redistribution of seats with fewer members would be proposed. It was not an easy measure to pass, but he was determined to pass it before his term of office expired.

VICTORIA.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

DEPUTATION TO THE PREMIER.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A deputation representing the Trades Hall Council and the unemployed waited upon the Premier, Mr. Irvine, this afternoon to impress upon him the fact that the workless were suffering keen distress, and to urge the Government to do its utmost to provide employment.

The Premier, in the course of a lengthy reply, said the funds at the disposal of the Government were limited, and the extent to which the Government entered upon public works must be regulated by the amount of money available. Moreover, he had to see that full value was obtained for the money expended. Works could not be started merely to provide employment. With these limitations the Government would do all it could in the way of providing employment.

A COAL CONTRACT SURRENDERED.

At a meeting of the Melbourne Harbour Trust Commissioners to-day letters were read from the manager of the Cornwall Coal Company of Tasmania, contractors for the supply of coal to the Trust, stating that owing to the strike among their miners the company was compelled to surrender the contract. The Trust thereupon decided to cancel the contract and call for fresh tenders immediately.

FEDERAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Application was made on behalf of the liquidator of the Federal Bank of Australia, Limited, to Justice A'Beckett to-day for leave to make a call upon the "B" list of contributors of the

COMMONWEALTH NOTES.

IN THE SENATE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

PARLIAMENT HOUSE,
MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

After answers had been given to a couple of questions the Senate this afternoon settled down to a further consideration of the tariff. The discussion on the proposal made overnight by Senator Pulsford to put horseshoe nails on the free list lasted for about three hours. Pressed for his reasons for moving the reduction, he said that the industry was a very small one and he did not see why the Commonwealth should be asked to support it in view of the fact that nails for bootmaking and other purposes, and screws, were admitted free. The suggestion was agreed to by 15 votes to 11.

Senator Pulsford followed up his success by moving a request that wire and other nails, spikes, and staples, brads, and tacks be also placed on the free list. Senator O'Connor opposed the proposal, and said that Senator Pulsford, while destroying industries, had entirely lost sight of the revenue aspect of the question, and he and his party were creating an issue which would have to be settled very soon—the question of whether the Senate was acting reasonably in remodelling the whole tariff. Senator O'Connor fully recognised the right of the Senate to recommend alterations, but that power would have to be exercised with reason. The suggestion was negatived by 14 votes to 13. Weighing-machines, scales, and cash registers were passed at 20 per cent.

A long debate took place on the line "gas and oil engines, high-speed engines, and turbines." The duty passed by the House of Representatives was 15 per cent., and Senator Clemons moved to reduce it to 10 per cent. The item was very fully discussed in the other House, so that nothing new remained to be said on the subject. The opponents of the suggestion fought very hard, and some senators spoke three times before the division was taken. The proposal was agreed to by 14 votes to 12. The next line was engines, upon which a duty of 15 per cent. is proposed. Senator Clemons moved for a reduction to 10 per cent. Senator O'Connor said it was of no use addressing arguments to deaf ears, and it would be better to push on to the time when the real settlement of the tariff could take place. No doubt the duty as it passed the House of Representatives would be ultimately carried. After this plain statement, and without debate, a divinon was taken, and the suggestion carried by 12 votes 10.

Upon the line "boilers, pumps, machines, and machinery, n.e.i., 15 per cent.," Senator Smith moved a request for a reduction to 10 per cent., and put in a plea supported by a long speech for the Western Australian mining industry. Senator O'Connor said the collections under item 78, which included the line under discussion, amounted to £250,237 in six months. Already the reductions requested by the Senate would mean, if acceded to, a loss of £119,000 per annum. The duty on item 78 had been fixed by the House of Representatives by compromise at 15 per cent., with a large free list. In the circumstances he thought it was mere waste of time sending a request to the other House.

At 10 o'clock progress was reported, and the Senate adjourned.

PREMIERS' CONFERENCE.

When the resolutions of the Premiers' Conference reached Mr. Deakin he formally acknowledged them, and asked his colleagues to comment on such of the numbers as concerned their respective departments. All except one of the Ministers have supplied the required data concerning the Premiers' demands. As soon as information is received from the one department which has not yet furnished its return the Acting Premier will communicate with Sir John See, chairman of the conference, with the object of settling the matters brought forward. Federal Ministers seem to think that the States are pursuing a policy of "pin-pricking," which in the interests of peace and harmony should be put an end to.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

The Postmaster-General has discovered that an extraordinary contract was entered into by the State Government with the Adelaide Steamship Company for the carriage of Western Australian coastal mails. Besides receiving a subsidy the shipping company enjoyed free telegraphic facilities and was allowed to import all its requirements free of duty. As soon as the contract expired the Postmaster-General declined to concede any renewal on similar lines. The mail service is now being temporarily carried on pending the conclusion of a fresh contract.

PUBLIC SERVICE ACT.

The Minister for Home Affairs does not think that the Public Service Act can be proclaimed for another three months. One of the reasons which have rendered this decision necessary is the anomalous position of the "temporary" employees in some of the States. Numbers of men who have been in the employ of transferred departments for between 16 and 20 years are nominally "temporary" clerks. If they are not placed on the permanent staff, and the Act is proclaimed at once, every man must leave the service. Until therefore the case of the temporary employees has been inquired into there will be no proclamation of the Act.

AFFAIRS IN NEW GUINEA.

Merauke, the Dutch settlement in New Guinea, has lately come into prominence in various ways. It is the place whither Queensland pearl shellers threaten to remove if the industry is unduly hampered, and it was mentioned lately as the probable site of a new Dutch penal settlement. Sir Harry Howard, British Ambassador at Holland, recently communicated with Baron Der Lynden with regard to the proposed penal establishment. The Baron, in reply, stated that deportation to a colony was unknown in the penal code of the Netherlands. He thought the report originated in the despatch of a number of convicts with guards and overseers to establish new posts near Merauke. It was customary everywhere in the Dutch East Indies where public works had to be carried out that convicts should furnish part of the labour necessary to make the place habitable.

This information came to Mr. Deakin through the Imperial Government. It is of interest to the Federal Government at the present time because reports have been received from the resident magistrate at Daru, British New Guinea, to the effect that the Tugeri savage tribe near Merauke have been attacking the Sanana tribe, who are British subjects, living near Morehead River. The Tugeri, it appears, are headhunters, who boast of their large collections of heads, mostly obtained through the slaughter of the Sanana tribesmen. The difficulty in dealing with the Tugeri hitherto has been the fact that they escape into the bush in Dutch territory. Mr. Deakin hopes, now that the Dutch settlement is to be made more secure, that these savage tribes will be more effectually kept in check.

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE.

The Cabinet to-day practically decided the appointments of public service inspectors. Mr. G. A. M'Kay is to be the New South Wales inspector, Mr. J. Gardiner will do duty in South and Western Australia, Mr. J. O. Bourne will have the oversight of the Queensland service, and Mr. Richard Betheras will look after the service in Victoria and Tasmania. Mr. M'Lachlan has practically completed the organisation of his department, and only one or two appointments now require to be made. The post of secretary to the Commission will probably fall to Mr. Francis Reddin, of Victoria.

Mr. G. A. M'Kay has been 24 years in the New South Wales Public Service. He receives a salary of £500 at the present time. During the whole of his career he has been engaged in administrative work, and is at present the head of the drafting branch, and chief mining surveyor of the New South Wales Mines Department. Mr. M'Kay has on several occasions acted on State Public Service regrading boards, and he is president of the New South Wales Public Service Association.

Mr. Richard Betheras is 48 years of age, and has 34 years' service in the Victorian Postal Department to his credit. His salary is £420 per annum.

Mr. R. O. Bourne (Queensland) is 53 years of age. He is chief inspector of telegraphs at Brisbane, and having 40 years' service, has worked his way up through all grades. His salary is £550.

Mr. John Gardner (South Australia) is 51 years of age. He is secretary to the Commissioner of Public Works in South Australia. He has recently acted as chairman of the State Reclassification Board. His salary is £520.

Mr. Francis Reddin is 59 years of age, and is well known as Secretary to the Victorian Public Service Board. He has been 27 years in the service, and draws a salary of £480.

DEFENCE RETRENCHMENT.

The Ministers to-day completed their revision of the defence retrenchment scheme submitted by the Acting Minister of Defence, and Sir William Lyne has been given a free hand to carry it into effect. The Acting Minister declines to disclose any more of the scheme than has already been made public, and states that his lips must remain closed until he has taken Parliament into his confidence. It is known, however, that the officers of the naval and military forces in all the States will suffer far more than the men. In Queensland 500 officers and men will be retired, but the rank and file in the other States will not be affected to a very considerable extent. In Victoria five or six officers at the outside will be placed on the retired list, but in New South Wales Sir William Lyne intends to seize the opportunity to bring the number of officers more in proportion to the rank and file. The Acting Minister will have another conference with General Hutton, C.B., tomorrow in order that the Commandant may immediately carry out the policy adopted by the Cabinet. When he returns to Sydney Sir William Lyne will have an interview with the State Naval Commandant, Captain Cresswell, regarding the reorganisation of the federal naval forces on a more economical basis.

WELCOME TO THE STATE GOVERNOR.

ADDRESS FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

His Excellency Sir H. H. Rawson, K.C.B., was waited upon yesterday at the State Governor's residence, Macquarie-street, and presented with the following addresses:—

"May it please your Excellency. The Congregational Union of New South Wales offer your Excellency and Lady Rawson a hearty welcome to New South Wales. We would express our loyalty to the King's throne and person, and desire to co-operate with all that works for peace and righteousness within the State. We humbly pray that the Divine Blessing may rest upon your Excellency in the anxieties and responsibilities of office, and that your sojourn amongst us may in every respect be a happy one. (Signed) GEORGE CAMPBELL, Chairman; W. CUNLIFFE JONES, Secretary."

His Excellency made the following reply:—

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I have to offer you my sincere thanks for your address, and for the kind welcome you have accorded Lady Rawson and myself to New South Wales. As the representative of his Most Gracious Majesty I also owe you my most grateful thanks for your assurance of loyalty to his Majesty's throne and person. In the discharge of the functions of my high office I shall always be pleased to do anything that lies in my power to work in unison with so important a body as that which is represented by your Church. I associate myself most heartily with the prayer that the Divine Blessing may rest upon my efforts to worthily discharge the duties appertaining to my office, and for your good wishes on my behalf I tender you my warmest thanks."

The Governor received a deputation from the New South Wales centre of the St. John Ambulance Association, consisting of the following members:—Lieutenant-Colonel Vandeleur Kelly, C.B. (chairman), Lieutenant-Colonel Fiaschi, Major Roth, D.S.O., Captain Lane Mullins, Messrs. J. Barre Johnston (treasurer), and James Muir, who presented him with an address on behalf of the executive committee and members.

The address read as follows:—"To his Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, K.C.B., Governor of the State of New South Wales.—May it please your Excellency,—On behalf of the members of the New South Wales centre of the St. John Ambulance Association, we, the executive council, desire respectfully to congratulate your Excellency upon your appointment as Governor of the State of New South Wales, and to welcome you to Sydney. Ever since its establishment in 1890, each of your Excellency's predecessors has been good enough to accept the position of patron of the centre, and we hope that your Excellency, as his Majesty's representative, will see fit to extend a like patronage to us. We work under the direct control of the head office at St. John's Gate, and last year his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Grand Prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, was graciously pleased to receive an address from us. Wishing your Excellency all prosperity during your term of office in this State,

"We have the honour to remain your Excellency's obedient servants, on behalf of the council and members,

"R. VANDELEUR KELLY,
"Lt.-Col., Chairman.

"Sydney, June, 1902."

The Governor replied as follows:—

"To the Members of the New South Wales Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association.

"Gentlemen,—I receive with much pleasure your address, and have to offer you in return my sincere thanks for the words of welcome and congratulations upon my appointment to the office of Governor of the State of New South Wales which it contains. I am pleased to learn of the existence of such an institution as the New South Wales centre of the St. John Ambulance Association, and it will indeed afford me pleasure to accept the position of patron of the centre. Be sure that if, at any time, my efforts can advance the interests of your worthy association they will be at your command so far as the functions of the office of Governor will permit. I thank you again for your kind address."

In conversation afterwards, his Excellency spoke of his knowledge of the good work done by the association at home, and said he would endeavour to have a class formed at Government House later on.

AMUSEMENTS.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS.

There was an excellent attendance at the city organist's recital yesterday afternoon, when the programme was opened with Merkel's "Sonata in C minor." This composer, at one time a professor at the Dresden Conservatorium, is not in the least of the "high and dry" school, and this sonata, in particular, is remarkable for both its melody and sterling worth. Mr. Arthur Mason played with great feeling the beautiful andante, in which the vox humana and flute were employed, and the final allegro and fugue were brilliantly rendered. Amongst the "first performances" must be mentioned Wolstenholme's "Romanza," marked by a pathetic melancholy in which the clarionet, or bass clarionet, expressed the subject. The mysterious prelude to "Parsifal" assisted the audience to appreciate the later developments of Wagner's genius; Bach's colossal "Prelude and Fugue in G major" obliged the player to exert his executive powers to the full; and his own transcription of Grieg's "Norwegian Bridal Procession" found evident favour with the audience.

MISS ETHEL MILLER'S RECITAL.

A crowd of people interested in music assembled at Messrs. W. H. Paling and Co.'s showroom for the preliminary debut of Miss Ethel Miller, a new soprano lately residing in Melbourne. Miss Miller sang "Ritorna Vincitor," "Si, mi chiamano Mimi" (or "La Boheme"), "O Divine Redeemer," Tschaikowsky's "Why so Pale are the Roses," and German's merry English ballad "Love the Pedlar." The new singer pleased her audience in all three numbers. Miss Miller has a soprano voice that is brilliantly strong and effective in the upper register, and especially so where the musical text enables her legitimately to force the tone a little. It is in such passages that she shows the value of the Italian school in the direction of warmth and significance. It should be added, however, that in spite of her knowledge of her art Nature has not endowed the singer with fulness of tone in the lower range of the voice, so that she could not give all the dramatic expression she so evidently intended in Aida's aria, which really demands an organ of great compass. Miss Miller, whose Italian is irreproachable, was also heard to advantage in the closing English ballad, which she gave with vivacity. The only new number on the list was the Russian love song, each phrase of which formed a note of interrogation rising passionately to a climax, and sinking at last unanswered to a few sparkling arpeggio chords from the pianist. Tschaikowsky's characteristic vein of melancholy was thus again exemplified. Mr. J. Edward Sykes was the accompanist. Miss Ethel Miller, who will now settle here as a teacher, studied in Rome for three years under Cavalier Terziani, conductor of the St. Cecilia Orchestra in the Eternal City. Later Miss Miller worked under Signor Marchetti, and eventually she studied under Charles Santley and Mr. W. F. Partridge in London, where she made concert appearances before returning to Melbourne.

CUSTOMS DECISIONS.

The following instructions have been issued from the Custom-house during the past week:—

Glass, mill rolled, 15 per cent., item 59, and rough cast.
Toy dogs are dutiable at 20 per cent., provided that they do not exceed one foot in length. Amend previous decision (order No. 183) accordingly.
Felts for use in connection with paper-making machinery are free.
Boiler Tubes.—All iron and steel boiler tubes are duty free, except riveted or cast, under the exemptions, if (1) not more than 6in. internal diameter, or (2) galloway tubes, or (3) vertical parallel boiler tubes.
Roller stock being portion of a tinplate varnishing machine is dutiable at 15 per cent
"Sentinel" patent hand-steering gear is 15 per cent. as machinery n.e.i.
Buttons for naval uniforms are 25 per cent., item 114.
Ham or salt yin min and all similar salted Chinese fruits or vegetables are dutiable at 2s per cental as n.e.i., item 31. Amend decision list No. 7 accordingly.
Vapo creosolene is dutiable at 15 per cent.
Motor advertising tape and red tape are dutiable at 20 per cent.
Liquid peptonoids are dutiable either as medicines or spirits, whichever rate yields the higher amount of duty
Solder is free, not being elsewhere included.
Batiste is dutiable at 5 per cent. cotton-piece goods, n.e.i.
Elastic loops for collars, 25 per cent.
Hemdon checked sepbyr (with flannelette finish), 5 per cent. as cotton piece goods, n.e.i.
Slate holland, 5 per cent. as cotton piece goods, n.e.i.
All Customs entries presented to officers to be passed must be completed in every detail, including declaration, before being checked or dealt with, and invoices shall not be inspected or dealt with unless they are accompanied by the Customs entry completed as directed above. This order will in no way prevent an officer giving full information on any specific point, such as the rate of duty on any sample produced.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION.

The Wattle branch No. 22 (A.N.A.) held their first meeting of the current half-year in St. David's Hall, Surry Hills, on Tuesday evening. The president (Bro. A. D. Nelson, M.L.A.) was in the chair. The installation of officers elected at the last meeting of the branch was carried out. Six new nominations for membership were handed in.

The Opening of the New Pyrmont Bridge by his Excellency the Governor is illustrated in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

NEW ZEALAND.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

A CHILD BEATEN TO DEATH.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

Remarkable evidence was given at the magisterial inquiry into the charge against Harriet Drake of causing the death of her eight-year-old daughter, who, it is alleged, died from excessive punishment. With the exception of the abdomen and the neck the body of the deceased was covered with bruises, and when the doctor called in after the child had been found dead the mother exclaimed "how dreadful," and she said she had given the child a thrashing. There were bruises on one side of the head, which had apparently been caused with the butt end of a riding whip, with which the accused admitted having thrashed the child. The evidence further showed that the whipping by the mother was administered for a slight offence, and that after the mother had finished using the riding whip two elder sisters took a hand with supplejacks. The child was then put to bed, and died half an hour later.

A SHIP DISABLED.

The ship Arlencraig, from New Caledonia to Rotterdam, loaded with nickel ore, left the former port on June 6. All went well until the 13th, when the main and mizzen topmasts with all the yards came down, smashing one of the lifeboats. The Archer picked her up between Cape Brett and Poor Knights. Arrangements are being made to tow her to Auckland.

THE RAILWAY EARNINGS.

The railways statement was presented to Parliament to-day. The earnings for the year have been £147,350 more than in the preceding year, and are the highest yet reached by the railways of this colony in any one year. The total earnings were £1,874,586, against £1,727,236 in 1901, and the total expenditure £1,252,237, against £1,137,848 last year. The net profit on the working was £622,349—equal to a return of 3·43 per cent. on the capital invested on open lines and 3·19 per cent. for the total capital invested in opened and unopened lines.

THE POST AND TELEGRAPH REPORT.

The Post and Telegraph Department annual report shows a balance of revenue over expenditure of £22,816. Instead of the anticipated loss of £80,000 on the penny postage the actual loss was put down at £34,000.

LIVE STOCK EXPORT TRADE.

A Wellington producer considers that the prices realised for sheep at the Sydney sale on Monday will not induce New Zealanders to export largely to that market. Mr. Scales, whose consignmen. fetched 29s 6d each, says it would have paid him better to have frozen the sheep at Wellington for the home market.

VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS IN HONOLULU.

Advices from Honolulu state that not only has the volcano at Kilauea broken into eruption, but the summit of the crater of Mauna Loa (Mokuaweowe) is also active. Within two days lava has risen 600ft. in Haenauuau, which is an active pit at the bottom of Kilauea. The sides of this crater were crumbling into the pit, and filling it up in places. Boiling lava had burst through the floor of the crater.

The Dunedin Harbour Board's new scale of import and export dues came into operation yesterday. These involve an immediate loss to the board's revenue of £3000 a year.

The balance-sheet of the Bank of New Zealand shows a credit balance for the year ending March 31 last of £172,501.

A large number of petitions have been presented to Parliament praying for the abolition of the totalisator.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

VICE-REGAL RECEPTION.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The reception which was postponed from Coronation Day was held at Government House this evening by Lord and Lady Tennyson. The insignia of the Companion of the Bath was presented to Brigadier-General Gordon and Colonel Rowell for their services in South Africa. Before the gathering broke up the National Anthem was sung, with a special verse written by Lord Tennyson, as follows:—

Lord God, show forth Thy power,
And guard his every hour.
God save the King.
Clothe him with righteousness,
Crown him with happiness,
God with Thy blessings bless
And save the King.

RETURNS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH.

The Treasurer of the Commonwealth says that the State of South Australia will receive £626,000 back from the Commonwealth. The State Treasurer in his figures for the year puts down the amount at £602,000, and this latter amount was the total which was actually paid back by the Commonwealth to this State. So far as Mr. Butler can understand, the discrepancy between the two is due to the fact that the Commonwealth accounts have included an amount to be returned to Northern Territory as part of that coming to South Australia. The accounts in South Australia of Northern Territory are kept distinct from those of the State.

The first session of the new Parliament will be opened to-morrow.

TASMANIA.

PARLIAMENTARY REFORM.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

Over 50 delegates from different branches of the State reform league met in conference to-day, and adopted the platform already published. The principal debate was on the number of legislators. The platform submitted provided for 30, 10 in the Council and 20 in the Assembly, but the Hobart branches desired that the numbers should not be stated. It was eventually agreed to take a test vote on 12 and 24, but these were rejected. The southern delegates then endeavoured to fix the number at 30, leaving the division between the two Houses for consideration on the establishment of one House only, but this motion was also rejected, and finally the conference decided, by 27 votes to 5, to adhere to the 10 for the Legislative Council and 20 for the Assembly. The meeting then adjourned until to-morrow, when the executive will be appointed to direct the movement for economic and legislative reform. A public meeting was held to-night, when resolutions adopting the league platform were carried with enthusiasm.

AN EXTRAORDINARY COACHING ACCIDENT.

TWO HORSES ELECTROCUTED.

HOBART, Wednesday.

An extraordinary accident happened at Queensborough on Tuesday night. The Kingston coach was coming townward when suddenly the two horses fell dead. They had been electrocuted by an electric overhead wire of the tramway, which had become displaced, and formed a loop which was just low enough to catch the necks of the horses. The driver and three passengers on the box seat escaped injury, though they were much scared.

Major-General Hutton will be the Governor's guest while here.

About 300 fat sheep are being exported to Sydney. This is unprecedented in the Tasmanian inter-state trade.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

POPULATION AND GOLD RETURNS.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The population on June 30 was estimated at 208,315, a gain of 2164 for the month. The excess of births over deaths was 319, and arrivals over departures 1845. The gold production for June, including the amount exported and the amount received at the Mint, was 189,640oz., being a record for the year, and 47,653oz. in excess of that produced in June, 1901.

MINING MATTERS.

With a view to the more economical working of the Mines Department the Government has decided to abolish the office of warden for Southern Cross. The Warden's Court will be held as usual at Southern Cross, but under a new arrangement. The warden of Coolgardie will preside. The change will effect a saving of £900 a year.

The superintendent of public batteries reports that these batteries recovered 10,450oz. during the month. This establishes a record. The report also shows that the operations resulted in a net profit to the State of £116.

THE SEASON.

Splendid rains fell in all the coastal districts today. So far the season has been very poor, the rainfall being 6 inches short of the average of previous years. Severe frosts in the eastern districts so seriously affected the crops that many farmers are now engaged re-sowing.

BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION.

There was a large attendance at the rooms of the Builders and Contractors' Association, Pitt-street, last evening, when by invitation Mr. Alexander J. Kethel re-delivered his lecture entitled "Forestry and our Timbers." The chair was occupied by the president of the association, Mr. R. D. Sime. Mr. Kethel dealt with the subject from many standpoints, and at the close of an address lasting over an hour and a half, he was, on the motion of Mr. W. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Walter Ives, accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Absolutely without a rival, as tonic or beverage—Nicholls' Tasmania Dandelion Ale an easy winner.—Advt.

NEWCASTLE.

ACCIDENT TO THE STEAMER BALMAIN.

RETURNS TO PORT.

SMART AND EFFECTIVE SEAMANSHIP.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

A series of mishaps were sustained by the steamer Balmain last night in the harbour whilst outward bound with a cargo of coal for Gisborne, and very serious consequences were undoubtedly averted through the able seamanship exercised by her master, Captain Troup, who finally manoeuvred his vessel out to sea through the narrow entrance of the harbour without a rudder.

The Balmain left the Dyke late last night, and proceeded down the harbour. When nearly abreast of the Horseshoe the starboard wire of the steering gear broke. There was a strong ebb tide, and the steamer was carried close to the Dutch barque Krimpen a d. Lek, lying at No. 5 buoy, ready to put to sea. Her cathead fouled the starboard rail of the Balmain, tearing the rail away. After getting clear the Balmain's anchor was dropped, but the strong ebb tide caused the steamer to tail round with it and the anchor would not hold. The vessel ragged slowly down, and took the ground opposite Stoney Point, on the north side of the entrance. The bottom was sandy and the vessel took it lightly. Captain Troup worked the engines to the best advantage and the steamer came off, but the sudden strain of the tide caused the chain to snap, the anchor and several fathoms of chain being lost.

The vessel was now in perilous circumstances, but the master, by working the engines ahead and astern, manoeuvred so as to float out to sea with the tide through the narrow passage, successfully clearing the Oyster Bank and breakwater. After getting outside, the weather being favourable, Captain Troup effected temporary repairs to the steering-gear by putting a stopper on the broken steering-wire. The crew, however, did not want to go away in the steamer until she had been examined, and, under the circumstances, the Balmain stood in the offing until this morning when she returned to port about 9 o'clock. The only damage she sustained was to the steering-gear and rails, repairs to which will be effected locally, and in a day or two it is expected she will be ready for sea again.

No damage was done to the Krimpen a d. Lek, as she sailed this morning for Samarang with a full coal cargo.

COAL EXPORT TRADE.

The barque Ben Avon arrived to-day from Melbourne to load Seaham coal for the West Coast.

The steamer Glaucus sailed for Melbourne to-day with 1820 tons of coal; the steamer Karaweera, for Townsville, with 800 tons of coal; and the Dutch barque Krimpen a d. Lek, for Samarang, with 1607 tons of Wallsend coal.

The barque Mary Moore cleared at the Customs to-day for Lyttelton with 924 tons of coal.

COLLIERY EMPLOYEES' FEDERATION.

DELEGATE BOARD MEETING.

The delegate board of the Colliery Employees' Federation held a special meeting extending over yesterday and to-day. It was decided to refer matters in dispute at the Burwood and Co-operative collieries to a committee of revision, with a view to placing them before the Arbitration Court.

A further appeal was received on behalf of the Cornwall (Tasmanian) miners, and the board recommended that £100 per month be paid to them during the continuance of the strike. The matter will have to go before the lodges for approval.

The Hroldon-Greta men were admitted as members of the Federation and as a lodge.

A communication was received from the Mines Department to the effect that the Greta inquiry would be resumed on the 8th instant by Mr. Wade.

A letter was received from the secretary of the Curlewis mine, stating that the miners there were locked out, and alleging that the company was attempting to obtain a reduction of 3d per ton, it being the amount that had been ruling hitherto. The delegates were asked to inform the lodges accordingly.

A resolution was passed to the effect that district officers be empowered to request a conference with the colliery proprietors with reference to the minimum hewing price and the question of industrial agreements as to prices.

Messrs. P. Bowling, G. Reid, and J. Patterson were elected a committee to act with the district officers, to take into consideration the question of bringing out a daily newspaper on behalf of the federation.

The report on the question of the appointment of a paid assistant secretary showed the voting to be—For, 1229; against, 2084; informal, 103. The question was decided in the negative.

A notice of motion from Bulli and Illawarra Island was moved to the effect that the best legal talent should be engaged to conduct the federation's cases before the Arbitration Court. A similar motion from Wallsend that the best legal advice be obtained to assist Mr. Curley, the secretary, in connection with the Arbitration Court, was also moved. Both were lost, but they will be sent on to the lodges for decision.

A deputation was appointed to confer with the Durham Lodge officers in regard to disputed matters at that colliery relating to yardage prices and claims for skips inadvertently sent out without tokens. The board then adjourned.

NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Newcastle Hospital was held to-night. It was stated that the resignation of Miss E. A. Cameron, head nurse, who had received appointment as matron of the Maclean Hospital, had been accepted with extreme regret. Applications had been invited for the position, and that of Miss Elizabeth Gresham, certificated nurse of the Sydney Hospital, had been accepted. The financial position of the institution was discussed, it being pointed out that the bank account had been overdrawn by £133, and £900 was required to be voted for the ensuing quarter for maintenance, and unless the Government subsidy, now long overdue, were forthcoming very soon the overdraft would assume larger dimensions than anticipated. In view of the fact that £770 has just been spent on painting the buildings and £550 for equipping the operating theatre, it was decided that a deputation wait on the Premier to apply for portion of the abnormal expenditure which had been incurred, and also that a strong appeal should be made to the public.

A COAL TRIMMER'S CASE.

Mr. Love, S.M., resumed the adjourned hearing of a case in the Summons Court to-day, in which George Price, a member of the Coal Trimmers' Union, sued Otto Fischer, a member of the Master Stevedores' Association, for the sum of 2s 6d, alleged to be due for working 20 minutes during breakfast hour 8 to 9 a.m., on May 14. Mr. W. A. Reid appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Sparke for the defendant. The plaintiff had been employed trimming coal on a vessel, and according to the amended rule of his union if members were required to work any portion of the meal hours they were entitled to double pay, namely, 2s 6d. The loading of the vessel in question had been completed at 8.20 a.m. The dispute hinged it was the custom to exercise a give-and-take arrangement by which the trimmers claimed nothing for work done during meal hours when it did not exceed half an hour. He would have paid 1s 3d for the 20 minutes had he been asked. The rule of the union which provided that the members should be paid 2s 6d for work done during any portion of a meal hour had never been agreed to by the Master Stevedores' Association. Evidence was given as to the practice, and it was stated that defendant was one of a company as three persons working as the Newcastle Stevedores' Company. The Bench, in giving judgment, was of opinion that though it had jurisdiction the case could more appropriately have been brought before the Arbitration Court, but inasmuch as it appeared the masters in this case were the Newcastle Stevedores' Company, composed of a number of persons, the information under the Masters and Servants Act should have made them all parties. The case was dismissed.

THE CITY COURT.

At the police court to-day, before Mr. Love, S.M., David Wright, alias Taffy Wright, aged 26, fireman, was charged with having at Carrington on December 21 last maliciously inflicted grievous bodily harm upon James Fraser. The evidence showed that the prosecutor was sitting on a form against the wall in the bar of an hotel in Carrington talking to a friend when accused, who was a comparative stranger, picked up a water bottle from the bar counter, saying, "This is the only friend I have got," and threw it in the direction of prosecutor. It struck prosecutor in the face, and he remembered no more until he regained consciousness in the Newcastle Hospital. He was then suffering from a wound which necessitated several stitches. In cross-examination the witness for the prosecution stated the accused was under the influence of liquor at the time. He could not say whether he merely intended to hit the wall with the water bottle. The accused was committed for trial.

ARREST OF A BARQUE.

The barque Beech Holm, after finishing loading at the Dyke yesterday for Tal Tal, was arrested under an Admiralty Court writ issued in consequence of a claim by Messrs. J. and A. Brown for alleged towage. The vessel was released during the night, and subsequently made fast to one of the buoys.

Some excitement was occasioned this afternoon on the beach by the presence of immense whales, gambolling so close to the shore under Signal Hill that they could have been hit with a biscuit.

KINGSLAND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—From time to time during many years efforts have been made to find a more suitable name for New South Wales, and with what name, and in what more permanent manner, could we commemorate the happy restoration to health and Coronation of the head of the Empire than by re-christening our State Kingsland?

With the memory of his august and beloved mother ever perpetuated by the titles of our southern and northern sister States, there can be no sense of sycophancy in adopting Kingsland in place of the admittedly inappropriate name now borne by New South Wales.

I am, &c.,
JNO. C. NEILD.

The Senate, Melbourne, July 1.

STOCKOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifth annual meeting of the Stockowners' Association of New South Wales was held at the association's rooms, in Spring-street, last evening. The Hon. F. B. Suttor (president), of Katella station, Burrendong, occupied the chair, and there were also present Messrs. R. R. Dangar, of Baroona station, Whittingham; F. Campbell, of Yarralumla station, Queanbeyan; J. M. L. M'Donald, of Wallabadah station, Quirindi; V. Dowling, of Lue station, Mudgee; W. F. Jaques, of Therribri station, Boggabri; G. H. Hebden, of Erambie station, Molong; J. M. Atkinson, of Sydney; and P. G. Weaver, of Messrs. Weaver and Perry, Sydney. The annual report stated that the past year had been a trying one to pastoralists. Their losses owing to the long continued drought had been heavy, and in the near future would probably be heavier still. Even if good rains fell, the cold and wet would kill off large numbers of the weak and starving stock. It was unlikely that the next stock returns would average more than 25 million sheep. In 1892 the returns showed 63 millions, so that the decrease for 10 years, in addition to the loss of the natural increase, would be 38 million. The effect of this would be felt by every one in the community. Among the matters successfully dealt with by the association during the year were the remission of the duties on salt and sheep dips, and concessions had been obtained on the railway carriage of stallions and mares. Other matters that had come up for consideration during the year were the destruction of rabbits, Queensland rainfall telegrams, duty on fodder, rebate of railway freight on starving stock, condemnation of the whole carcase in cases of tuberculosis, wharfage on wool and grain, and the branding of cattle. Mention was made of a new arrangement having been entered into with the Fat Stock Buyers' Association in regard to condemned stock. In previous years it had been the custom of that association and their own to contribute to a common fund, out of which the buyers of stock had been reimbursed for condemned beasts. That system entailing, as it did, a great deal of bookkeeping had been a costly one to keep up. The new arrangement was for the stockowner to pay the buyer 1 per cent. on all cattle sold at Flemington yards. On cattle which had not been in the State over 12 months 2 per cent. was allowed.

The President, in moving the adoption of the report, said that he thought they had come to the most satisfactory arrangement possible with regard to condemned stock. They had been met in the most considerate way by the buyers, and he had no doubt that the arrangement would prove entirely satisfactory to both stockowners and buyers. The new arrangement had been entered into last May, and it was to come up for reconsideration in August. He referred to the condemnation of the whole carcase in cases of tuberculosis. The association was anxious to protect the public health and see that the food supplied did not constitute a menace, but the practice of condemning a whole carcase when only a small part was affected was unnecessary and injurious to their interests. In England only the part affected was destroyed, while on the Continent even the diseased part was put upon the market after being subjected to special treatment that destroyed the disease germs. Mr. V. J. Dowling seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. J. M. Atkinson, speaking on the question of the condemnation of stock, said that the new system ad opted was working most satisfactorily. He quoted the case of one large buyer who had originally been opposed to it, and had found from practical experience that it worked out to his benefit. The stockowners, he thought, would find themselves repaid in the increased competition among buyers.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £211 4s 4d as against £176 16s 9d for last year. Its adoption was moved by Mr. R. R. Dangar, seconded by Mr. J. M. Atkinson and unanimously carried.

The Hon. F. B. Suttor and Messrs. W. F. Jaques, J. B. Christian, and J. M. Atkinson, the retiring members of the council, were re-elected without opposition for the coming year. Mr. F. H. Rayment was re-elected auditor.

The secretary stated the association numbered 516 members, of whom 31 had joined during the past year.

AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL.

CASSILIS, Wednesday.

Mr. R. P. Browne, C.I., agent, left for Urana yesterday, to which office he has been promoted. Mr. W. H. Byrnes, of Goulburn, succeeds him.

DENILIQUIN, Wednesday.

The local land board, consisting of Messrs. A. Trollope (chairman), C. Opitz, and D. Tennant, J.s.P., concluded lengthened sittings here this morning. The most important business was the consideration of Alexander Landale's application for surrender and exchange of 4400 acres of freehold on Morago station for a similar acreage of Crown lands on his Wandook holding. After lengthy evidence the application was refused with 17 guineas costs. During the sittings of the board, Mr. Osborne Wiltshire, C.P. Inspector, was congratulated upon his new appointment to the Forestry department.

The Urana and Narrandera land districts have been attached to Hay district.

The local land board made an important ruling during its last sittings. It held that section 12 of the Act of 1899 did not permit a C.P. holder under repealed Acts to acquire an additional C.P. or C.L. by virtue of the original C.P.

FORBES, Wednesday.

The next show promises to be the best yet held. The Jockey Club will hold a race meeting immediately following.

HAY, Tuesday.

The Minister for Mines has approved of water being supplied free from Quondong's Government tank on the Hay to Booligal stock route, owing to the continued drought.

The total rainfall for the past half-year as officially recorded is only 2 inches 47 points, being the lowest on record. The weather continues dry, fine, and warm, with heavy frosts at night.

MOLONG, Tuesday.

At a public meeting held at Cranbury regarding the proposed amalgamation of the pastures and stock board with the rabbit board, a resolution was unanimously carried as follows:—"That this meeting emphatically protests against the proposed amalgamation as being inimical to the interests of the majority of taxpayers."

Serious reports are to hand from the Nyrang Creek district. Stock are stated to be dying in hundreds, especially sheep. A party is being kept continually employed in skinning operations. One owner lost 15 of his best cows in addition to other stock.

MURWILLUMBAH, Tuesday.

The rainfall for the last half-year was 12 inches 38 points, being 50 per cent. below the previous lowest record.

NARRANDERA, Tuesday.

Stock that had been taken to the New England district for agistment in consequence of the drought is now being returned daily in consequence of that portion of the State being eaten out. 4500 sheep (Mr. J. Murphy, Bulyeroi, owner), 2200 mixed sheep (Murphy Brothers, Jewes Lagoon, owners), 1662 mixed sheep (Gordon Brothers, Abbey Downs, owners), and 350 stud sheep (H. C. Taylor, Dobolin, owner) have been returned to the district, and are to be allowed to take their chance.

Arrangements have been made with the owner of Tubberemah station, West Narrabri, for paddocks to feed 20,000 sheep from Glenroy and Boolcarrol stations. In consequence of the high price of stock one local butcher has closed his business. Mutton and beef are 6d per lb.

PENNANT HILLS, Wednesday.

At the Redhill Observatory 158 points of rain were recorded for the month of June, making a total of 715 points for the first six months of the present year. The rainfall registered for the first half of last year amounted to 1618 points. The nights are slightly cold, but otherwise the weather is more like autumn than winter

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Wednesday Evening.

Business in the Stock and Share market to-day was much about as usual, a moderate number of small transactions being effected at rates generally varied from those current yesterday. All Government securities were unaltered. For Bank of New South Wales and Commercial Bank of Sydney the prices previously paid were accepted, and Bank of New Zealand had a buyer at the higher quotation of 85s. Bank deposits, steam, and insurance shares remained as before. Australian Gaslight continue to sell at 16½, and North Shore Gas advanced slightly, having a buyer at 31s 6d. Castlemaine Brewery and Wood Brothers brought 8s 7½d, and Emu Gravel sold at the reduced price of 9s 3d.

The following sales were reported on the Sydney Stock Exchange to-day :—Formoon : Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, 27½ ; Castlemaine and Wood Brothers' Brewery, 8s 7½d ; New South Wales Shale and Oil, 1s. Noon : Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, 27½ ; Bank of New South Wales, 40½ ; Emu Gravel and Road Metal, 9s 3d ; Australian Gaslight, 16½. Afternoon : Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, 27½ ; Bank of New South Wales, 40½. The closing quotations were :—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per share.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Yield to Investor.
	£	£	£	p. c.				p. c.
Australian Joint Stock	849,250	—	—	4	105	104	106	3¾
Bk. Aust. Asia								
Bk. Aust. Soc.	880,189	—	—	4	104½	104	106	3¾
Bk. Aust. Union				2½				
Bk. Brisbane				5	94	93	94	5⅓
Bk. Brit. S. Pac.				4	100	100		
Bk. Brit. S. Pac.						100	106	—
Bk. Brit. S. Pac.						104	106	—
Bk. Brit. S. Pac.				3	—	—		
Bk. Brit. S. Pac.						—	—	—
Bk. Brit. S. Pac.	1,000,000			8½	100	99½	100½	3¾
Bk. Brit. S. Pac.								
Bk. Brit. S. Pac.	800,000			5	101	100½	104	—
Bk. Brit. S. Pac.				4	104	—		3¾
Bk. Brit. S. Pac.				4	102	—		3¾
Bk. Brit. S. Pac.						—	—	—
Bk. Brit. S. Pac.				5	111	107½	—	3¾
Bk. Brit. S. Pac.						—	—	—
Bk. Brit. S. Pac.				10½		103	105	3¾
Bk. Brit. S. Pac.								
BANKS.								
Bank N.S.W.	1,182,640	6	—	5½	2 9	6/	—	
Bk. Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	10	82½	80	—	
Bk. Com. Aust.	1,000,000	20	20	8	85	81½	87½	5
Bk. Com. Roy.	160,000	10	8	4	82	80	85	5
Bk. Com. Roy.								
Bk. Com. Roy.								
Bk. Com. Roy.	1,192,440	6	—	5½	2 9	6/	—	
Bk. Com. Roy.	2,117,070	10	10	5	6	5¾	—	
Bk. Com. Roy.								
Bk. Com. Roy.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	27½	27½	27½	4½
Bk. Com. Roy.	1,498,250	20	20	10	56	—		
Bk. Com. Roy.	1,000,000	10	10	5	—	—		
Bk. Com. Roy.	2,000,000	20	20	10	40½	40½	40½	4½
Bk. Com. Roy.	500,000	—	—	—	62	60	—	
Bk. Com. Roy.	100,000	7	7	9½	15/	—	—	
Bk. Com. Roy.	412,841	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Bk. Com. Roy.	880,650	20	20	8½	55	—	—	
Bk. Com. Roy.	1,250,000	75	25	9	39½	39	40	5
Bk. Com. Roy.								
BREWERIES.								
Castlemaine	—	—	—	3	15/	12 6	12 7	4
Class B	—	—	—	3	12 9	12 4	12 7	4
Emu Brew.	780,000	—	—	20	9 1	8 6	9 0	7½
Emu Brew.								
Sth. Aust. Brew.	985,482	—	—	5	18/3	18 6	19 0	5
Tooth & Co.	2,400,000	—	—	3	12 6	12 3	—	4
Tooth & Co.								
Wood Bros.	800,418	—	—	3	12 6	12½	12 6	4
Wood Bros.	800,293	—	—	4½	17 3	16 8	17/	5
Wood Bros.	800,347	—	—	4	17 3	16 9	—	4
Wood Bros.	195,778	—	—	6	20 3	19 6	—	4
Wood Bros.				5	11 6	11/	11 9	4
Wood Bros.								
BUILDING.								
Brit. Aust.	18,498	1	1	10	—	32 6	35/	6
Cent. Bldg.	80,000	5	5	5	8	—	—	5½
Equitable	100,000	1	1	6	18 7½	18 9	19 6	6
Intercolonial	181,250	1	17 6	8	25 3	25/	25 9	5
Mut. Permn.	120,000	1	1	7	32 6	—	—	4
Mut. Provdt.	20,000	20	25/	5	19/	18/	—	—
Starr, Bowk.	8,743	1	1	20	17/	—	—	—
Starr, Bowk.								
Starr, Bowk.	—	—	—	20	10	—	—	—
Starr, Bowk.	—	—	—	5	10	—	—	—
Starr, Bowk.	—	—	—	20	5	—	—	—
Starr, Bowk.	—	—	—	5	5	—	—	—
INSURANCE.								
A. M. Fire	50,000	1	16	16½	32/	31 6	32 6	5½
Ins. Soc.	30,000	1	4/	16	12 3	12/	—	12 6
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	12½	—	72/	—	—
N. Zealand	30,000	1	10/	6	—	—	—	—
Queensland	2,500	1	5/	6	—	—	—	—
United	60,500	10	2½	10	7 6	—	74/	7
Ditto new	3,725	10	12 6	10	15/	14/	17 6	7½
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12 6	10	18/	—	—	—
Australian	681,798	6	6	9	16½	16½	16½	5½
New Brun.								
Sydney Gas	20,000	10	10	1	14/9	—	15/	—
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	50/	48/	—	—
Grafton	8,000	1	1	6	20/	25/	—	—
Kembla	10,000	1	1	7	23 6	23/	—	—
Maitland	8,000	1	10/	7	12/6	—	—	—
Metro.	8,000	1	1	7	17 6	—	—	7½
Newcastle	25,128	2	2	15	5½	5½	6½	6½
Orange			10/			7/	—	—
Port Pirie	100,000	1	10/	7	31 6	31 6	—	4½
Sydney			10/	7	18/	16 6	19/	—
Wagga Wagga	15,500	5	5	—	—	6	—	—
Wallsend				—	—	11/	—	—
Wallsend								
BREWERIES.								
Albury	10,500	—	10/	5	—	—	—	—
Tooth & Co.	4,000	1	1	5	—	—	—	—
Australian	48,000	10	10/	—	4 2	3/6	—	—
Cond. Wood								
Cond. Wood								
Cond. Wood	280,000	1	1	6	8 7½	8 6	8½	5
Hordern's Bros.	29,701	10	5	6	3 4	3 3	3 7½	9
Tooth & Co.	58,338	15/	15/	17½	37/	—	—	—
Toth's	900,000	1	1	8	20/	20/9	20/	5
Toth's								
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Australian Gas Light	17,500	15	10/	5	3 3	3/	—	15
Aus. Newsp.	40,000	1	1	5	15/	10/	12/	—
Aus. Newsp.								
Aus. Newsp.								
Aus. Newsp.	186,500	1	1	10	20 6	19/	21/	—
Aus. Newsp.	175,000	1	1	8	22/	21/	24/	5
Aus. Newsp.			5/	8	8 6	8/	—	—
Aus. Newsp.	1,872,300	20	20	10	70½	68	80½	5½
Aus. Newsp.	1,000,000	20	5	8	90/	85/	100/	8½
Aus. Newsp.							18/	19/
Aus. Newsp.	100,000	1	1	—	5 6	2 9	—	—
Aus. Newsp.	34,000	1	1	5	9 3	8 6	9 3	10½
Aus. Newsp.				10/	13/	—	—	13 3
Aus. Newsp.	80,000	1	10	10	21 6	17/	17 6	—
Aus. Newsp.	74,144	1	1	8	20/	20	—	5
Aus. Newsp.	100,000	1	1	5	17/	—	—	—
Aus. Newsp.	45,000	1	1	6	17 3	16	20/	—
Aus. Newsp.	103,114	1	18/	—	5/3	4/10	5 3	—
Aus. Newsp.	75,000	1	15/	—	1/	9d	1 3	—
Aus. Newsp.								
Aus. Newsp.	13,000	1	1	10	23	23	—	8½
Aus. Newsp.	15,000	5	2 6	6	2/	1/10	2/1	7½
Aus. Newsp.	23,000	10	5/	8	8 6	7 6	9 6	4½
Aus. Newsp.								
Aus. Newsp.	80,000	1	1	5	18/3	—	—	—
Aus. Newsp.	197,800	1	1	20	57	55/	—	57/6
Aus. Newsp.	80,000	10	10	7	15½	—	—	4
Aus. Newsp.	75,000	1	1	10	37/	—	—	37/6
Aus. Newsp.	37,500	1	10/	10	19/6	—	—	19/
Aus. Newsp.					100	—	—	—
Aus. Newsp.								
Aus. Newsp.					4½	—	—	—
Aus. Newsp.					17/6	—	—	10/
Aus. Newsp.					14/	—	—	—
Aus. Newsp.					12/6	—	—	—
Aus. Newsp.					8	—	—	10/
Aus. Newsp.	60,000	20	20		20½	—	—	20½
Aus. Newsp.	33,958	1	15/	7	14 6	—	—	14 9
Aus. Newsp.					3 9	—	—	—
Aus. Newsp.					5/	6/9	8/	—
Aus. Newsp.								
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* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution; otherwise on the last half-yearly one.
† Terms 14 days.

Among the papers distributed by Sir George Turner for the information of the House of Representatives on the occasion of opening the first federal budget, in October, 1901, was one showing the estimated balances of public revenue to be returned to each of the States. At the close of the year we now give the estimates and the amounts actually obtained as telegraphed from Melbourne :—

—	Estimated Return.	Actual Return.	Excess Return.	Short Return.
	£	£	£	£
N.S. Wales ...	1,922,491	2,386,000	463,000	—
Victoria ...	1,302,308	1,021,000	19,000	—
Queensland ...	961,198	895,000	—	66,000
S. Australia ...	570,764	617,000	56,000	—
W. Australia ...	456,356	1,120,000	664,000	—
Tasmania ...	292,375	315,000	13,000	—
	6,315,644	7,372,000	—	—

The States actually receive £1,058,000 more than Sir George Turner estimated in October last. Queensland is the only one receiving a less amount than he at that time anticipated. A later estimate by him increased his estimate of revenue by £186,000, and decreased his estimate of expenditure by £300 000, so that the Commonwealth is actually £516,000 better off than even in the second estimate. On the revenue side the estimate of October was based on the following figures :—

State.	State tariffs, June to Sept., three months.	Estimate for nine months.	Collected in nine months.	Actual Revenue.
	£	£	£	£
N. S. Wales ...	589,000	1,921,000	2,276,000	2,317,000
Victoria ...	686,000	1,722,000	1,920,000	2,276,000
Queensland ...	353,000	1,051,000	953,000	1,203,000
Tasmania ...	106,000	294,000	272,000	278,000
South Australia ...	178,000	497,000	519,000	497,000
W. Australia ...	248,000	515,000	1,049,000	1,538,000
Total ...	2,146,000	5,802,000	6,789,000	8,909,000

The actual collections thus compare with the predictions of Sir George Turner as follows :—

	Excess.	Deficiency.
New South Wales ...	£458,000	—
Victoria ...	83,000	—
Queensland ...	—	£38,000
Tasmania ...	16,000	—
South Australia ...	32,000	—
Western Australia ...	586,000	—
	£1,087,000	£38,000

The only State which gave a short return—of course the result of the drought—was Queensland. It may be interesting to go a little further and point out what would be the return for a year of the Commonwealth revenue, on the basis of its actual yield for the past nine months during which (with the exception of eight days) it was in operation.

	Federal Revenue.	Population Dec. 31, 1901.	Yield per head.
New South Wales ...	£3,538,000 ...	1,379,890 ...	£2 4 0
Victoria ...	2,253,000 ...	1,206,705 ...	1 17 4
Queensland ...	1,370,000 ...	501,515 ...	2 10 8
Tasmania ...	392,000 ...	174,323 ...	2 1 7
South Australia ...	695,000 ...	364,795 ...	1 18 1
Western Australia ...	1,400,000 ...	194,889 ...	7 3 5
	£9,014,000	3,824,027	£2 7 2

The yield of Western Australia is nearly three times as great as that of any other State. Despite the drought the Queensland collections are the next highest, though much below what was expected. New South Wales, though well stocked with dutiable goods on the imposition of the tariff, has yielded £2 4s per head as against £1 17s 4d per head in Victoria, which was regarded as very bare of imported merchandise, and expected to yield a revenue in excess of normal. As a matter of fact the contributions in Victoria were smaller than in any other State. On the basis of the past nine months' experience the figures indicate that the tariff would yield £9,000,000 per annum. Sir George Turner estimated a normal revenue in New South Wales from his tariff of £3,229,449, but that last year it would be reduced by £600,000 on account of loss of duty on accumulated stocks. Whatever loss there was from this source would of course have to be added to the £3,036,000 we have given as a year's return on the basis of the nine months' collections.

The federal transferred expenditure compares with the amount estimated by Sir George Turner in October last as follows :—

	Estimated amount incurred.	Reduction on Estimate.
New South Wales ...	£1,185,400 ...	£18,500
Victoria ...	941,500 ...	24,000
Queensland ...	609,900 ...	49,000
Tasmania ...	150,000 ...	6,000
South Australia ...	318,900 ...	19,000
Western Australia ...	323,000 ...	21,000
	£3,987,700	£137,000

The transferred expenditure is less than estimated against each State, the aggregate reduction being £137,000. The new expenditure compares with Sir George Turner's estimate as follows :—

	Amount Incurred.	Less than Estimate.
New South Wales ...	£123,600 ...	£17,070
Victoria	108,500 ...	14,080
Queensland ...	43,900 ...	6,430
Tasmania ...	15,700 ...	2,151
South Australia ...	33,100 ...	4,480
Western Australia ...	17,100 ...	2,700
	£343,600 ...	£46,911

The new expenditure was thus £46,911 less than Sir George Turner's estimate of October last, and the transferred expenditure £137,000 less ; or a total of £183,000.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Kauri Timber Company in Melbourne on Monday, Mr. George Lush, the chairman, said that the company had paid off the third instalment of its 5 per cent. debentures, to the amount of £13,700, and the half-year's interest, which together made a total of £20,000. That payment reduced the debenture debt from £247,400 to £233,700. The company's present bank indebtedness, extending over the field of its operations in New Zealand, Melbourne, and Sydney, did not exceed £8000, which after the heavy payments made was not large. Trade had been interfered with through the tariff debates, but the company's sales had been well maintained. A vote acknowledging the great services rendered to the company by Sir Frederick Sargood, who is resigning on account of the state of his health, was carried.

This month's issue of the "Journal of the Institute of Bankers of New South Wales" has among its contents the report and discussion of the address on "Banking Provident Funds," by Mr. J. Russell French, as well as a report of Mr. Russell's lecture on the "First Principles of Law of Personal Property."

The value of the imports into the port of Sydney for the week ended June 28 amounted to £459,023 as compared with £642,646 in the corresponding period of 1901. The value of the exports in the week aggregated £256,671, against £279,913 in 1901. From the beginning of the year the trade compares with that of the previous year as follows :—

IMPORTS.	1901.	1902.	Increase or Decrease.
Wool	£112,625 ...	£88,479 ...	Dec. £34,146
Tallow	14,946 ...	13,259 ...	Dec. 1,683
Skins and Hides ...	181,415 ...	211,149 ...	Inc. 29,735
Produce	498,171 ...	703,499 ...	Inc. 205,328
Wheat	267 ...	15,954 ...	Inc. 15,687
Flour	32,270 ...	22,981 ...	Inc. 10,932
Total merch. ...	£9,988,992 ...	£8,350,410 ...	Dec. £1,638,582
Gold	1,084,284 ...	1,066,668 ...	Dec. 17,586
Grand totals ...	£11,073,275 ...	£9,603,096 ...	Dec. £1,470,177
EXPORTS.			
Wool	£5,097,256 ...	£5,012,266 ...	Dec. £74,989
Tallow	231,459 ...	214,806 ...	Dec. 16,653
Skins and Hides ...	207,550 ...	312,001 ...	Inc. 45,451
Leather	268,558 ...	214,412 ...	Dec. 5,854
Meat	417,512 ...	332,294 ...	Dec. 84,718
Wheat	403,705 ...	447,203 ...	Inc. 43,347
Flour	142,546 ...	76,774 ...	Dec. 65,772
Produce	140,916 ...	173,155 ...	Inc. 24,139
Tin	68,221 ...	99,908 ...	Inc. 31,687
Copper	201,803 ...	151,507 ...	Dec. 53,296
Total Merch. ...	£7,726,705 ...	£7,318,373 ...	Inc. £91,668
Gold	1,317,378 ...	772,405 ...	Dec. 544,973
Grand totals ...	£8,348,083 ...	£8,090,778 ...	Dec. £458,305

The imports of merchandise show a decrease of 14·5 per cent., and the exports an increase of 2·1 per cent.

BREADSTUFFS.

This market continued rather quiet with small sales of wheat for stock and chick-feeding purposes at full rates. Though business is curtailed holders are realising good profits. Wheat may be quoted at 4s 4d to 4s 5d per bushel. Flour was quiet at £9 to £9 10s for local, and £12 10s to £12 15s for Manitoba.

Messrs. John Darling and Son write from Adelaide under date June 30 :—

Wheat.—European markets show no particular movement, and no business has been reported during the past few days, which have been more or less of a holiday character. Values of cargoes of Australian wheat may be given as 29s 6d per quarter c.i.f. There is almost an entire absence of business in our local markets, the quantity coming to hand is limited, but on the other hand there is no disposition on the part of millers to operate, there being no outlet for their flour that would give a satisfactory return. Most mills are, therefore, going on short time, and the demand is extremely small. Value to-day may be given as 3s 9d to 3s 9½d per bushel for farmers' lots at Port Adelaide, and 3s 10½d to 3s 11d per bushel for trade lots.

Flour.—Hardly any business to be reported, and that only of a retail character, an export demand, and on the whole the outlook for manufacturers is none too cheerful. Values are £8 5s per ton for ordinary and £8 15s per ton for best patent roller f.o.b. Port Adelaide.

Our cable to-night gives the supply of wheat and flour afloat for the United Kingdom as 2,930,000 quarters against 3,560,000 quarters for the corresponding date last year. The supply afloat for the Continent was 1,415,000 quarters against 1,550,000 quarters a year ago. The aggregate shipments to Europe totalled 4,345,000 quarters against 5,050,000 in 1901.

IMPORT MARKET.

Stocktaking still occupies the attention of many firms to the exclusion of ordinary business. Trade was quiet in consequence of this and other considerations that are too well known to require specific mention. Prices were somewhat erratic. In some quarters there was a disposition to reduce old stocks, and in others to allow incoming supplies to move off at low rates rather than allow further accumulation to go on. There was another section, however, that considered stocks a better asset than outstanding accounts and long-maturing paper. Whether or pushing is being done in certain directions, judging from the volume of business reported, it has been pretty well resultless. No interesting news was cabled from abroad.

Tea.—Privately, 90 chests of Ceylon broken pekoes changed hands at 6½d to 7½d, and 90 chests of common Indian pekoe souchongs on private terms. The first sale of the new season's China teas ex Changsha at the City Mart has been fixed for July 10. No particulars, however, will be available till after the arrival of the vessel. Sale is due to-morrow (Thursday).

Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. will submit at the City Mart, to-morrow, Thursday, a catalogue comprising 450 packages of Ceylon teas, ex Omrah and Darius, on account of Mr. R. T. Remington.

Sugar.—Steady business was carried through at the reduced prices.

Groceries.—Sales were of a distributing character without change in prices. Red rocksalt stocks were exhausted on spot, 25 tons moving off to land at 55s per ton.

Coffee.—Yesterday some interesting details were given of the world's consumption of tea, these having been culled from a Board of Trade return. Some equally interesting information regarding coffee was contained in the same report. Portion of this is here summarised :—"In respect of coffee, we have the converse of the position as compared with tea, for Great Britain and her colonies are the smallest consumers of the former just as they are the largest tea drinkers. In the United Kingdom in 1900 the consumption per head was only 0·71lb., for Australia 0·58lb., and for Canada 1lb. per head, and the tendency towards an increased demand is very slight. Compare these modest figures with the 16·57lb. per head which the phlegmatic Hollander got through in 1900, or even with the 9·81lb. of the United States, the 8·50lb. of France, or the 6·20lb. of Germany. In Holland and the United States, where the tea consumption has of late shown some tendency to increase, that of coffee has slightly retrograded, but the statistics are neither pronounced nor extended enough to permit of any reliable deductions being drawn from them. As regards sources of production, it is estimated that in 1900 out of a total export by the chief producing countries of 1813 million lb., 1179 million lb. came from Brazil, the next largest producers being, in the order named, the Dutch East Indies, Central America, and the West Indies, but the shipments of the most prolific of these secondary countries were under 153 million lb."

Liquors.—The following sales were reported :—One hundred cases of Red Heart rum, 15 quarters of C.V.P. brandy, 5 quarters and 5 octaves of Catto's whisky for export, and 15 quarters of Garvey's sherries at market rates. Champagne was in good request at market rates.

Some statistics of an interesting character have been compiled from Customs returns, which show the consumption and, in the case of the last two years, the exports of various lines of spirits for several years past in a comparative form. The figures as they relate to whisky are as follows :—

CONSUMPTION.	Hogsheads.	Cases.	EXPORT. Hogsheads.	Cases.
1897	3,033 ...	138,866 ...	— ...	—
1898	3,198 ...	126,114 ...	— ...	—
1899	3,483 ...	144,089 ...	— ...	—
1900	3,067 ...	127,988 ...	624 ...	30,626
1901	3,369 ...	147,013 ...	670 ...	34,983

The figures relating to brandy may be given as follows :—

CONSUMPTION.	Hogsheads.	Cases.
1897	1,222 ...	44,647
1898	1,254 ...	44,163
1899	1,208 ...	44,870
DUTY PAID. Hogsheads.	Cases.	EXPORT. Hogsheads. Cases.
1900 ... 1,073	40,469 ...	153 6,031
1901 ... 1,117	43,014 ...	140 6,794

The consumption and exports of rum during the same periods were as follows :—

CONSUMPTION.	Hogsheads.	Cases.
1897	2,854 ...	2,223
1898	2,660 ...	2,928
1899	2,950 ...	2,866
DUTY PAID. Hogsheads.	Cases.	EXPORT. Hogsheads. Cases.
1900 ... 2,327	2,330 ...	307 ... 293
1901 ... 2,381	2,383 ...	406 ... 709

The statistics relating to Old Tom during the same years are :—

	Consumption. Cases.	Export. Cases.
1897	4,564 ...	—
1898	6,367 ...	—
1899	6,823 ...	—
1900	6,222 ...	617
1901	4,961 ...	880

Metals.—Ten tons of No. 8 German black wire moved off at £8, and 5 tons of Iowa barbed wire at £14 10s. Cement was quiet at 13s and upwards. Wire nails moved off in small lots at 10 per cent. off list, and tinplates at 16s 9d for I. C. cokes.

Jute Goods.—Cornsacks ruled firm at 4s 8½d to 4s 9d. Branbags met with but little inquiry, and holders would be glad enough to take 4s 2d. Fifty bales of 11½lb. woolpacks sold in the aggregate at 1s 8d, and 25 bales of 12lb. at 1s 9d.

Oils.—Quietness prevailed in this department. Snowflake kerosene continued to be quoted at 8½d ; Rising Sun, bulk 6d and tins 7d. Blundell, Spence, and Co.'s linseed oil was firm but quiet, at 4s 2d for raw and 4s 4d for double boiled. Twenty-five cases of China oil moved off at 2s 6d.

Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. will offer to-morrow (Thursday) at the City Mart 130 boxes dates and 10 casks ginger, both w.a.f.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £11,466. The principal items were :—

Stimulants, £4978 ; narcotics, £698 ; agricultural implements and grocceries, £828 ; apparel and textiles, £985 ; sugar and molasses, £10 ; jewellery, £72 ; leather and rubber, £48 ; wood wicker and cane, £338 ; butter and cheese, £23 ; earthenware, £133 ; linseed oil, £13 ; mains, £112 ; musical instruments, £60 ; oils and paints, £62 ; salts, bulbed, £28 ; paper and stationery, £148 ; sago, £22 ; timber, £121 ; vehicles, £21 ; drugs and chemicals, £74 ; pilotage, £19 ; excise on spirits, £517 ; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1061 ; excise on beer, £474 ; excise on sugar, £106 ; license fees, £212 ; metals and machinery, £236.

EXPORT MARKET.

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 159 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, July 1.

BANKS AND AUSTRALIAN STOCKS.

Bank of Australasia, 1 higher at 84.

Bank of New South Wales, unchanged at 42.

Union Bank of Australia, unchanged at 38.

National Bank of New Zealand, unchanged at 4.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed stock, unchanged at 101.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent. prior lien stock, unchanged at 84.

City of Melbourne 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 103.

Melbourne Harbour Trust 4 per cent. bonds, 102.

Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures, 106.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 104.

M'Cracken's, City Brewery 4 per cent. debentures unchanged at 65.

SILVER.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 0 3-16d per ounce standard.

TALLOW STATISTICS.

	June 30, 1901. Casks.	June 30, 1902. Casks.
Stocks ...	16,676 ...	16,453
Imports ...	7,108 ...	8,364
Deliveries ...	7,350 ...	3,041

COPPER STATISTICS.

	June 30, 1901. Tons.	June 30, 1902. Tons.
Supplies ...	21,415 ...	20,702
Deliveries ...	21,184 ...	27,292
Stocks ...	27,464 ...	23,219
Advised ...	2,350 ...	2,259

TIN STATISTICS.

	June 30, 1901. Tons.	June 30, 1902. Tons.
Stocks ...	16,545 ...	17,192
Deliveries ...	2,988 ...	2,784
Afloat ...	3,852 ...	3,752
Spot and landing ...	3,650 ...	3,650

COPPER MARKET.

Spot copper is quoted at 52¾ and three months at 53½ per ton.

WHEAT AND FLOUR STATISTICS.

	June 17, 1902. Quarters.	June 25, 1902. Quarters.	July 1, 1902. Quarters.
Afloat—			
For United Kingdom ...	2,930,000	3,045,000	2,930,000
For Continent ...	1,495,000	1,515,000	1,415,000
Total ...	4,425,000	4,560,000	4,345,000

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Business was extremely quiet in all lines to-day. No alteration can be reported in rates. Wheat is 3s 10d to 3s 10½d ; flour, £9 to £9 5s ; bran, 14d to 15d ; pollard, 15d to 15½d ; potatoes, £6 3s to £6 10s ; chaff, 77s 6d to 82s 6d. Twenty bales of brasings for July shipment sold at 3s 9d ; holders now require 3s 10½d ; spot value is about 3s 6d. Small lines of Japan and Rangoon rice were booked at late rates. Export inquiry for dried apples exists, and little business is doing in sultanas.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

On the Stock Exchange to-day Queensland National Bank inscribed stock was quoted buyer 11s 4d, seller 11s 9d ; Queensland Trustees, buyer 6s.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

On the Stock Exchange to-day Victoria 3 per cents, 1921-1930, sold at £94 5s, and 3 per cent. stock, £97 10s ; Metropolitan Board of Works 5 per cents, 1903, £101 15s, 4½ per cents, 1906, £103, and 3½ per cents, £99 7s 6d. Commercial Bank, preferential, sold at £5 2s ; National Bank, ordinary, 58s ; Victoria Bank, ordinary, 50s ; Commercial Bank deposit receipts, 18s 8d ; Special Assets Trust, 13s 6d ; Metropolitan Gas, £8 8s ; Melbourne Trust, 16s 6d, 16s 10d ; Silverton Tram, 56s 6d ; Mutual Store, 39s.

There is fair inquiry for wheat at 4s 1d, sellers asking 4s 1½d for parcels. Business was done in plump wheat at 4s 1d to 4s 2d. Flour is quiet up to £9 10s. Bran is rather active at 13d to 13d ; millers now ask 13 2d. Pollard is 1s 2d to 2s 2½d. Algerian oats quiet. 2s 11d to 3s 2d. Maize is in good demand for export ; sales made 4s ex rail, 4s 0½d to 4s 1½d f.o.b. ; chaff, £4 to £4 10s. Potatoes, £4 10s to £5. Onions, £7. About 40 tons of Millaquin white sugar sold. Rabbits were in 400 packages Ceylon at 6d to 11d, 100 chests Indian and 700 half-chests China. Stocks of last season's Pouyong in first hands are now practically exhausted. Stocks of Midura sundries in first hands have been cleared up. Imported sultanas sold at 8d. Dates are firm at 3d, with fair sales. Californian prunes sold at 6½d. Fifty tons Calcutta linseed sold at £19. A fair parcel of caustic soda was placed. 100 tons of soda ash sold. Trade lots of branbags sold up to 3s 9d ; a large business was done to clear some importers. A large sale of cornsacks was made for the season. Importers quote up to 4s 8½d on spot, and up to 4s 11d for the season. Fair sales of No. 4 and No. 10 galvanised wire were made. 50,000lbs. of oregon were placed. Butter is lower ; ordinary fresh factory brand, 1s 3d to 1s 4d ; Western brands, 1s 4½d to 1s 5d ; other descriptions, very dull ; New Zealand butter, 11½d to 1s 1d in bond ; eggs, 1s 3d.

PRODUCE INWARD.

CORAKI, Wednesday.

The steamer Tomki left for Sydney to-night with 50 bags maize, 101 bags pumpkins, 4 cases honey, 1 bag hides, 10 bags hair, 2 bags bones, 5 packages marsupial skins, 2 casks tallow, 6 sacks hides, 24 cases eggs, 2 pigs, 1 bundle sheepskins, 82 hides, 10 sacks Munts metal, 589 boxes butter, 5 cases bacon, 3 bags hams, 3 bags pigs' heads, 6000ft. case material, 15,000ft. sawn pine, 13 hardwood logs, 9 head bullocks, and 250 casks molasses.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Loch Fintas sailed to-day for Sydney with 753 bags maize, 91 bags bran, 246 bags pollard, 300 bags potatoes, 149 bags peas, 4623 bags chaff, and original cargo from New York to Sydney.

The steamer Leura sailed to-day for Sydney with 946 cases and quantity of fruit.

The Paroo

THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT.

THE SENATE.

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY, JULY 2.

The President took the chair at half-past 2 o'clock.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL stated, in reply to Senator Pearce, that the Government were obtaining information as to the position of transferred State officers, and when that had been furnished it would be possible to say whether they came under section 33 or section 40 of the Public service Act. Probably those whose employment was of a permanent character would come under section 33, whilst those whose work was of a temporary or casual character would be dealt with under section 40.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL informed Senator Neild that the military forces of the Commonwealth came under the Acts of the several States, and under the Commonwealth Constitution Act and the laws made under it.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL informed Senator Pearce that representations would be renewed to the Imperial Government with a view of the Cuzco being replaced by a faster steamer to obviate delay caused in the arrival of English mails.

THE TARIFF.

The Customs Tariff Bill was further considered in committee.

On nails, n.e.i., viz., horseshoe nails, 5s per cwt., Senator Pulsford had moved to place the item on the free list.

Senator HIGGS opposed the reduction. The duty amounted to only about 10 per cent., and it would be an extremely small tax.

The VICE-PRESIDENT thought this was one of the most wanton attacks on the industry which had ever been made. Surely some reason should be given in support of the suggestion which the House was asked to make. It was evident that the mover gave no reason because he could not. The duty in Victoria was 14s per cwt., and the result was to create an industry in Victoria. It was true that there was only one factory, but probably that was enough to supply the wants of Australia. Why should the industry be wantonly interfered with for the purpose of carrying out ideal freetrade views?

Senator PULSFORD said that horseshoe nails were valued at about 30s per cwt., and 3s per cwt. amounted to about 20 per cent. This was a heavy duty and he did not see why farmers and others throughout the whole union should be taxed in the interests of a single factory.

The amendment was agreed to by 15 votes to 11.

Ayes:—Senators Baker, Charleston, Clemons, Dawson, Dobson, Ewing, Gould, Macfarlane, Matheson, Millen, Neild, Pearce, Pulsford, Sargood, Smith.

Noes:—Senators Barrett, Best, Drake, Glassey, Higgs, Keating, M'Gregor, O'Keefe, Playford, Stewart, Styles.

On "nails, wire, and other, 'and spikes, staples, brads, and tacks, 3s per cwt.,"

Senator PULSFORD moved that the item be free.

The VICE-PRESIDENT said the hon. gentleman did not seem to care what reductions were made so long as he had the numbers. The revenue estimated to be derived from the item was £10,350. He did not doubt the power of the Senate to suggest an amendment on every item, but if the system of throwing away revenue was continued a larger issue than freetrade or protection would be raised. It would have to be settled shortly whether the Senate, whatever its powers might be, was justified in reasonably exercising its powers to the extent of remoulding the finance policy of the Commonwealth by these reckless attacks. He was having returns prepared showing what amount of revenue had been thrown away by the reductions. Members had been returned pledged not to interfere with existing industries, but they were being destroyed in order that members might boast of another freetrade victory.

Senator GOULD objected to the view that the Senate should place itself on one side when it was a question of taxing the people. Why should it be assumed that the Senate was exercising its powers unreasonably when it considered it to be its duty to cut away or reduce duties? The proposals to remove duties were in the interests of the community at large. The revenue on nails imported into New South Wales would have amounted to £9000, and it was not fair, just, or reasonable that this money should be taken from the community. He rose principally to object to the doctrine of the leader of the House, which was calculated to sap the independence of the Chamber. Members would be recreant if they did not give effect to their views and constitutional powers. It was possible that all the suggestions of the Senate might not be agreed to in another place, but he assumed that the members of that body were reasonable men, and that some modus vivendi might be found by which the differences between the Houses would be adjusted.

The amendment was negatived by 14 votes to 13.

Ayes: Senators Charleston, Clemons, Dawson, Dobson, Ewing, Gould, Macfarlane, Matheson, Millen, Neild, Pearce, Pulsford, Sargood, Smith.

Noes: Senators Baker, Barrett, Best, Drake, Glassey, Higgs, Keating, M'Gregor, O'Keefe, Playford, Stewart, Styles.

On "Engines, 15 per cent.,"

Senator CLEMONS moved that the item be reduced to 10 per cent.

The VICE-PRESIDENT said that after the last vote it was no use wasting time by addressing arguments to deaf ears, and it would be better to push on to the time when the real settlement would take place, and when no doubt the duty would be carried. (Hear, hear.)

The amendment was carried by 12 votes to 10.

On "Boilers, pumps, machines, and machinery, 15 per cent. ad valorem,"

Senator SMITH moved a reduction to 10 per cent. He pointed out the importance of cheapening these articles in the interests of the mining industry, and furnished statistics showing the magnitude and importance of the industry. He pointed out that in New Zealand mining machinery was absolutely free; and in New South Wales the total value of mineral production in 1900 was the largest on record, and, according to Coghlan, that was due to the steady improvement in the methods of mining and plant.

The VICE-PRESIDENT: Cannot appliances be constructed in Australia?

Senator SMITH said there were certain kinds which could not. In Western Australia the cost of mining was enormous. Last year that State produced more than £7,000,000 worth of gold. During the last three years she had produced nearly half the gold of the Commonwealth. People in the eastern States hardly realised the gold possibilities of Western Australia. The proclaimed goldfields there exceeded the extent of the whole of New South Wales. If the cost of the extraction of gold could be reduced he believed the yield would be doubled or trebled there, and 20,000 or 30,000 additional men put on. The miners of Western Australia sent about £360,000 per annum to the eastern colonies, which were consequently greatly interested in the mining prosperity of the west. The mining plants were not up to the standard of those at Johannesburg, and there was hardly any duty on mining machinery there. There was practically no machinery which could not be made in Australia, but much of it could not be produced except at an increased cost. Broken Hill had purchased £1,000,000 worth of machinery.

Senator STEWART. What dividends have they paid?

Senator SMITH: Not one pays a dividend except the Barrier. Increased duties would put an additional burden on the mining development at Broken Hill, which would practically kill the whole district. A critical period had been reached in the mining industry, because British capitalists were dissatisfied with the investments, and now, with the reopening of the Rand mines, there was danger of British capital being diverted from Australia to South Africa. The mining industry employed more men than any one industry.

Senator STYLES: The agricultural industry employs more.

Senator SMITH said mining employed more wages men than any other industry. The only possible way it could be assisted was by a reduction in the cost of extraction.

The VICE-PRESIDENT said the sum and substance of the hon. member's argument was that 5 per cent. would make all the difference between prosperity and the reverse. If Western Australia desired to assist her mining industry let her take off the 10 per cent. tax on dividends. Even if some mines were not paying that was no reason they should not contribute to the revenue. It was difficult to separate mining and other machinery, but the actual collections for the six months on the whole item were £230,237. A reduction to 10 per cent. would involve a very large amount. It would be shown by a return which was being prepared that the loss of revenue if the suggestions made so far were given effect to would amount to £119,000.

Senator PULSFORD: Can you give a table of your calculations?

The VICE-PRESIDENT said he could, but did not propose to do so at the present time. Members opposite seemed determined to strike off duties with very little regard to the consequences, and it might be found that a radical change would have to be made if the tariff was to be effective. It was a manifest waste of time to further discuss the question.

Senator PULSFORD: More threats.

The VICE-PRESIDENT: It was most extraordinary if the tariff was to be framed not on any general principles applicable to the whole of Australia, which would make every interest contribute and every interest benefit, but on some settlement of details and principles of which they did not know, and which produced extraordinary results. Sometimes high duties were left on, and in many instances an attempt was made to deal with them.

Senator PLAYFORD: 80 per cent.

The VICE-PRESIDENT: Some 50 per cent., some 60 per cent. Hon. members had left high duties on some items to obtain the support of those who would not otherwise support them.

Senator NEILD rose to a point of order. The Minister was saying nothing in reference to the item, but was persistently lecturing the House in a manner absolutely without precedent.

The CHAIRMAN said he was just going to state that if the hon. gentleman did not limit himself to the item he would have to allow other members a similar latitude.

The VICE-PRESIDENT urged the rejection of the amendment.

Senator MATHESON considered it was unfair of the Minister to blame the Opposition for not seeking to reduce duties. As to the statement that the tariff alterations would involve a loss of £119,000, he had not taken into account the contrary case.

The VICE-PRESIDENT: That is the net result.

Senator MATHESON said the Treasurer had collected over £800,000 more than the exigencies of the Commonwealth required. He thought there was not reason to suppose the revenue would not be continued. Whilst there was no man whose word he would accept sooner than that of Sir George Turner, yet all his estimates were wrong, though he had devoted himself to a serious study of the question, whereas the Vice-President had taken it up as a pastime. (Laughter.)

Senator HIGGS said the plea for a reduction was made in the interests of foreign investors who desired to increase dividends. He asked the House to consider the 16,000 persons who were engaged in the manufacture of machinery.

Progress was reported.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 10 p.m. adjourned till the following day.

THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

IMPORTANT ALTERATIONS IN ANNUAL PROGRAMME.

SERVICE MATCHES INCLUDED.

The monthly meeting of the council of the National Rifle Association of New South Wales was held last night at the rooms, O'Connell-street, Lieutenant-Colonel Longfield (chairman) presided over a large attendance of delegates. A letter was read from the superintendent of the Pacific cable station, Norfolk Island, stating that he had received instructions from his board to have all members of his staff enrolled in the local volunteer corps, but as none existed in Norfolk Island he desired to know how to form a rifle club. The necessary information was ordered to be supplied. Captain C. E. Collard, the staff officer for musketry in the Transvaal, wrote from Johannesburg thanking the association for particulars concerning the working of the N.R.A., and stating that the information given would be a great help and guide in the formation of a Transvaal Rifle Association. The following were elected the executive committee for the annual prize meeting:—Lieutenant-Colonel Oldershaw, Major W. Holmes, Messrs. H. Dakin, E. J. Brown, and H. E. Mills.

The Chairman said that, in view of the possibility of the association's grant being cut down, the programme for the annual prize meeting had not been finally agreed to at the last meeting. They had not received a definite reply from the Department of Defence as to whether the grant would be £1000 as before, but from information to hand he believed that the N.R.As. of New South Wales and Victoria would not suffer in respect to their subsidies provided that they fell in with Major-General Sir Edward Hutton's ideas about introducing more service matches. He thought that by making provision for three service matches they would be justified in going on with the programme. He had given the subject close consideration, and after consultation with various members he suggested that these matches be on the following lines:—The first to be called the "Hutton," rapid firing at disappearing disc targets, eight shots at 200 yards, compulsory, 80 prizes being awarded amounting to £100, the targets to appear for four seconds and disappear for six seconds, magazines not to be used. The second match, also compulsory, to be called the "Finn," the moving figure targets, continuous, with limited entry, eight shots at 300 yards, with prizes the same as in the "Hutton." The figure target would move across the front. The third service match he proposed should be the Regimental Challenge Bugle, open to teams of 10, eight shots at 200 yards, for six prizes valued at £75, each member of the team to be extended five paces behind separate cover, with the commander (who will also fire) in the centre, and the whole team to fire once as the figure target appears, the time to be exposed eight times at intervals in different places on the butts. Brigade-General Finn had expressed his approval of the proposed matches, and asked to be allowed to donate the first prize for the "Finn." These matches would involve an expenditure of £275 in prizes, and to meet this he suggested that the prize money in some of the individual deliberate fire competitions be cut down. The Empire Match, for inter-state teams, he thought should be eliminated, as there was little likelihood of visitors being granted free passes.

The council went into committee to reconsider the programme. It was agreed not to retrench in the King's (£700), or the Longfield Aggregate (£550). The Dangar was cut down from £160 to £125, the Members' from £130 to £100, the New South Wales—which was altered to the Jaques—from £125 to £100, the Sydney from £120 to £100, and the Randwick from £100 to £80. In the B series—confined this year to New South Wales riflemen—the Newington was reduced from £75 to £55, the Sheridan from £55 to £55, the Mitchell from £55 to £45, and the Tyro from £50 to £45. The Richardson Aggregate was not interfered with. The Empire match, £160, was struck out. The rifle clubs' event was cut down from £240 to £200. The compulsory rapid firing competition was, on the motion of Mr. H. Dakin, who did not consider it a genuine match, eliminated. Mr. H. E. Mills moved that the Affiliated Clubs' Medal match be struck out. It was pointed out that it was the only event at 1000 yards. The resolution was lost. The Roberts and the Parliamentary matches were agreed to. Captain Bourke and Mr. E. J. Brown advocated the inclusion of schoolboy individual matches, and the matter was deferred until next meeting. The service matches with slight amendments, as suggested by the chairman, were adopted.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES' HOURS.

At a meeting of the Tramway Employees' Union held at the Trades' Hall yesterday it was decided that the Railway Commissioners should be requested that the working hours of the men be computed on a basis of 48 hours weekly; that overtime on week days be paid for at time and a half rates; that Sunday labour be paid for at the rate of time and a quarter, and overtime on Sunday at double time rates.

By the concession of a working day of eight hours, which has just been granted to railway and tramway employees, the time is reckoned on the basis of 96 hours a fortnight. The Commissioners maintain that it is obviously impossible to limit each day's work exactly at eight hours. Such a provision, they maintain, would mean stopping trams in the course of a journey, and other such inconveniences. The fact that the Commissioners have added 140 men to the running staff on the tramways since the change to the eight-hour system is taken as an indication that very little overtime will be allowed.

A further meeting of the union to consider the question was held in the evening, when Mr. D. M'Leay presided. It was urged by speakers that if the men worked on the fortnightly basis some of them would be compelled to labour for 12 and 14 hours consecutively, and their only redress would be that they should not work more than 96 hours in two weeks. It was pointed out that, as a deputation was to wait upon the Commissioners, the opportunity should be taken to put forward several grievances under which the men laboured. After some discussion it was agreed that the Commissioners should be asked to grant that "all tramway employees not working under the eight-hour system should be granted the concession;" that "the time allowed to conductors to 'sign on' be extended to 10 minutes, and the time to 'sign off' to 15 minutes;" that "in the event of the secretary being refused audience by the Commissioners a special meeting be held to consider the situation;" and that "no broken shift should exceed 12 hours."

LIVER COMPLAINTS.

DR. KING'S DANDELION and QUININE LIVER PILLS, the old-fashioned English remedy, without mercury, remove all Bilious and Stomach Disorders, and are still the best medicine.—Advt.

For Children's Hacking Cough at night, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d.—Advt.

Portraits of the Australasian recipients of Coronation Honours appear in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

The Meet of the Sydney Hunt Club at Belmore is illustrated in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

COUNTRY NEWS.

FATALITIES AND CASUALTIES.

COOMA, Wednesday.

An inquest was held yesterday, before Mr. F. H. Galbraith, district coroner, touching the death of W. A. Rankin, owner of Acton Park, near Goulburn, who was found dead, with a rifle shot through the head, on Saturday, at midnight, about a mile from Big Tinderry homestead. A verdict of death caused by a rifle bullet, self-inflicted, was returned.

KATOOMBA, Wednesday.

At the inquest on the body of Elwaed John Cliff, ganger, who was killed on the railway, a verdict of accidental death was returned. Deceased leaves a widow and 11 grown-up children.

MILLTHORPE, Wednesday.

Evelyn Hazard, aged 6 years, daughter of Mr. Hugh Hazard, of Forest Reefs, died last night from the effects of burns received yesterday from a rubbish fire at her father's place. The coroner dispensed with an inquiry.

MUSWELLBROOK, Wednesday.

A horse attached to a butcher's cart bolted in one of the principal streets to-day, and, colliding with a team of horses, killed one of the animals.

TILBA TILBA, Wednesday.

A boy, aged 13, son of Mr. W. Cole, Corunna, was accidentally shot when at a wallaby drive. The party were at lunch and were all standing together, when a gun went off, and the charge shattered one of the boy's arms and also entered his chest. Four persons fainted, and two doctors attended. The lad died during the night.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

A man named James Horwood, over 70 years of age, died last night. Deceased and another man were together during the afternoon and evening at the Bridge Hotel, and had a slight quarrel. After tea the proprietor of the hotel ordered the men out. When outside the house deceased fell on to the footpath, his head striking the kerbstone and fracturing the base of his skull. Dr. Sturgess was immediately summoned, but death was almost instantaneous. A coroner's inquiry was held this morning by Mr. Robert Porter. The principal evidence taken was that of Mr. Thomas Payne, who was an eye witness of the whole occurrence, and who definitely stated that no blows were struck during the altercation. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death. Mr. Horwood was a very old resident of the district.

DEATH OF MR. G. BUTTERWORTH.

HAY, Wednesday.

Mr. George Butterworth, an auctioneer, well-known in Hay and Deniliquin, and a resident of this town for over 40 years, died early this morning, aged 73. For many years deceased occupied a leading position in the commercial life of Hay, and his services were in great demand as valuator. He leaves a son and daughter. The interment took place this afternoon. The funeral was very largely attended, the local lodge of Freemasons marching in regalia and conducting a craft service at the close of the service of the Methodist Church.

AN ART UNION PROSECUTION.

THE CASE DISMISSED.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

A case of considerable interest was adjudicated upon yesterday at the local police court. The proceedings were instituted against the committee of the Presbyterian Church for holding an art union in connection with a fancy fair and bazaar in aid of the church manse funds. The police magistrate was a witness in the case. He commenced upon the action of the police in having the matter brought before the Court. After a lengthy hearing the Bench decided by a majority to dismiss the case. Sergeant Peterswald applied to the Bench to state a case for the decision of the Supreme Court. The application was refused. It had been stated that the church committee did not get permission from the Attorney-General to conduct an art union.

FIRES.

BOURKE, Wednesday.

The inquest on the recent fire at Wilga Terrace was concluded yesterday evening before Mr. Gale, coroner. A verdict was returned that the fire was wilfully caused by some person or persons unknown. The jury also recommended that the Government should offer a substantial reward for the conviction of the offenders.

THE TIMBER REGULATIONS.

NABIAC, Wednesday.

At a largely-attended public meeting held here last night resolutions strongly protesting against the new timber regulations were unanimously carried. The feeling against the regulations is very strong in this district.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND PROGRESS COMMITTEES.

FORBES, Wednesday.

The Progress Association has a notice of motion tabled to discuss: If it is advisable to recommend the Government to apply money now expended in maintaining Forbes Gaol to some much-needed want in the district. The amount of maintenance is considerable, and the prisoners average only three daily.

MOLONG, Tuesday.

At the annual meeting of the Bournewood Progress Committee the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. Wykes; vice-presidents, Messrs. George Morris and A. Morris; treasurer, Mr. William Wykes; secretary, Mr. J. Pulkford.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

At the local council sitting last night it was decided to ask for extra police protection in consequence of the number of robberies perpetrated recently.

NYNGAN, Wednesday.

The Railway Department has ceased drawing water from the town supply, as a water famine is feared, and this will enable the council to find water for a longer period. The council has spent £150 to maintain the supply as formerly to the town and railway by draining the Bogan for several miles up. On application to the Works Department for financial assistance the town council has received an offer for a loan of £50 at 3½ per cent., which the council has declined to accept.

WEST WYALONG, Monday.

The Progress Association elections were held on Saturday. Of 23 candidates nominated the following were elected:—Messrs. E. Gelling, Crowley, H. G. Nayler, H. R. Helyar, P. Conroy, J. J. Crowley, G. Pruton, W. Jack, H. Souden, E. Mills, T. F. Smith, W. C. Hanson.

Wednesday.

Mr. D. Fresker was the only candidate nominated for the vacancy in the Wyalong Council.

NARRABRI-WALGETT RAILWAY.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

All the bridges and cattle stops, with the exception of the bridge over Boheena Creek, on the railway line from Narrabri to Walgett, have now been completed. The wool dump and siding at Wee Waa is now being proceeded with. There are enough sleepers on hand to complete the line to within six miles of Wee Waa.

INDUSTRY ON NORTHERN RIVERS.

BELLINGER HEADS, Wednesday.

The past month has been a particularly busy one as regards shipping, up to June 28 nearly 8000 bags of maize and over 30,000ft. of timber and girders leaving here. The new line of steamers belonging to Allan Taylor and Co. are being well patronised, the Wootton making regular trips about every five days. The new drogher plant is expected in a few days, and then everything will be complete, and the new steamer Bellingen, built for this river, will be ready to take up the running.

A NEW FERRY SERVICE.

BRUNSHGROVE, Wednesday.

A new ferry was opened to-day between Brushgrove and Lower Southgate. Brushgrove is now connected with the mainland on both arms of the Clarence River.

MILITARY.

MUSWELLBROOK, Wednesday.

General regret is felt here at the reported retirement of Captain Bowman, of G Company, who is well known throughout the State as an enthusiast in military matters and a most efficient officer. He has been long connected with the volunteer movement in New South Wales. He was associated with the 4th Regiment (since its establishment, and was captain of G Company for some 15 years. Being physically and mentally vigorous he is still in the prime of his usefulness, and his retirement will therefore be a loss to the defence forces of the Commonwealth, because he is a thoroughly capable and patriotic gentleman, who is a public-spirited manner freely gives his services in the interests of his country.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

PICTON, Tuesday.

Last night the Protestant Alliance John Goodlet Lodge, No. 68, held their half-yearly meeting. The following officers were elected:—W.M., Bro. Barnsley; D.M., Bro. S. Bateup; chaplain, Bro. Vacchini; S.E., Bro. Dowse. The report of the delegate to Grand Sessions was received. A motion was carried regretting the deaths of P.G.W.M. Bro. Boulton and G.A. Bro. Elliott.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Court Hearts of Oak, A.O.F., on Tuesday night the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing term:—C.R., Bro. M. Stopplebein; S.C.R., Bro. W. T. Hoye; treasurer, Bro. W. Hinton (re-elected); secretary, Bro. W. Hobson (re-elected); S.W., Bro. J. H. Pelly; J.W., Bro. H. S. Stopplebein; S.B., Bro. H. G. Percy; J.B., Bro. D. A. Stopplebein.

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

BLACKHEATH, Wednesday.

The first annual meeting of St. Aidan's branch of the Ministering Children's League was celebrated in the parish hall this afternoon by a concert, an afternoon tea, and games. Over 100 people were present. The rector, the Rev. E. Lampard, B.A., delivered an address, and gave a report upon the year's doings. There were 33 members and eight associates. He had pleasure in presenting two M.C.L. crosses to Irene Moore and Florrie Evans for having attended every meeting during the year. Two table tennis tournaments were played by the adults and children, and refreshments were handed round. There was also a stall of useful articles for sale.

THE CHURCHES.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

A large memorial window at St. Saviour's Cathedral has been cracked by a bullet from a pea rifle.

MOSS VALE, Wednesday.

A meeting of parishioners of St. John's Church of England was held this afternoon, when wedding presents were made to the Rev. D. W. Weir in the shape of a marble clock and nail cellars from the parishioners, and a silver-mounted pocket wallet from the boys' night school.

TOMINGLEY, Tuesday.

The Rev. H. T. Tranmar, formerly of Tasmania, is acting as locum tenens for the Rev. J. H. S. Oldman, C.E. Minister at Peak Hill, for three months.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

ORANGE, Tuesday.

The Quarter Sessions opened this morning before Judge Docker. Matthew Walker, minister of the Australian Church, Lucknow, was charged that during the hearing of ca. sa. motion in the Orange District Court on February 7, he falsely swore that he had not received any payment from the Northern Insurance Company on account of a claim made under a policy of insurance. Mr. Reid, K.C., appeared for the accused. Mr. Murray was Crown prosecutor. The evidence for the Crown was that accused sworn at the ca. sa. hearing that he had received no money from the insurance company in connection with the fire at his house in September last. The evidence for the defence was that accused meant that he had received no money under his claim but that the company had made an ex gratia payment of £85 as an act of sympathy to his wife, who had been very ill. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty with a strong recommendation to mercy. Prisoner was remanded for sentence.

Wednesday.

The Quarter Sessions were continued to-day. Edward Adair, charged with unlawfully removing a half caste child from the custody of her lawful guardian without permission, and with intent, was found guilty, and remanded for sentence. Matthew Walker, who had been found guilty of perjury, was sentenced to six months' hard labour in Bathurst Gaol.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

The Quarter Sessions opened to-day before Judge Rogers. Mr. Morewether acted as Crown Prosecutor. John Broadhurst, under committal from Tumbarumba, was acquitted of a charge of maliciously wounding his cousin Thomas Broadhurst, at Back Creek, on April 7. In summing up his Honor said it appeared to him that the only sufferer under the circumstances was the country, which by the act of the police had been put to considerable expense in bringing a number of witnesses all the way to Wagga. He had not read the depositions, but if the evidence there went no further than that which had been given before him he could not understand how the committal took place.

ORANGE DISTRICT COURT.

ORANGE, Tuesday.

The Orange District Court opened yesterday before Judge Docker. In the claim of Dalton Brothers v. Thomas Williams for £154 13s on a promissory note and interest, a verdict was given for plaintiffs. The case of Collins v. Carr was a claim for £41 17s 6d. A verdict for plaintiff was given. In Maling v. Trubody and Baker a claim for £200 was made for trespass, in that defendants entered plaintiff's dwelling and removed some of his property therefrom during his absence and without permission. Defendant, aged 8st 2lb (Cheal), 2; Mr. F. M'Carthy's g c Arms, aged 8st 7lb (Carthy), 3. Other starters: Bonnie Boy, 10st; Bulloo, 8st 10lb; Dalmeroin, 8st 2lb; Boatswain, 8st; Molly, 8st. Betting: 7 to 2 v. Abe. The winner had all the way, winning by five lengths. Time, 1 minute 32 seconds.

SOUTH COAST.

NOWRA, Wednesday.

During the last half-year 70 applications were made for annual leases, totalling 42,533 acres, principally for dry-stock runs.

Last quarter there were 45 births, 22 deaths, 9 marriages.

On Monday 85 applications for old-age pensions were received.

The river channel at Bomaderry has been worked with the view to widen the passage by blasting away rocks which obstruct steam traffic.

SUTHERLAND, Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas Holt has been appointed a member of the school board for this district, in the place of the late F. S. E. Holt.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The vital statistics for Bathurst for the quarter ended June 30 are as follows:—Marriages, 34; births, 45 males, 50 females; deaths, 25 males, 10 females. Compared with the previous quarter the figures show an increase in marriages of 9, births 15, and deaths 15.

BOURKE, Wednesday.

Collections at the Crown lands office, Bourke, for the quarter ending June 30, 1902, amounted to £4439 6s 8d.

At an unreserved auction sale to-day 2½ acre blocks of ground in Chapple and William streets, on which are erected 15 dwellings of from three to six rooms each, realised £1060.

BRAIDWOOD, Wednesday.

Dr. Rees Llewellyn died this afternoon, aged 68.

JUNEE, Wednesday.

Senior Constable Duprez arrived here last night to take up his duties. Sub-Inspector Bedingfield left here this morning. Yesterday he was presented with address by the Bench of magistrates.

DUBBO, Wednesday.

The Dubbo Old-age Pensions Board granted 55 renewals of certificates this week.

The Dubbo Amateur Orchestral Society has appointed a deputation to ask the municipal council and progress association to take steps to erect a well-lighted band stand in the park. If the stand is erected the society promises to give fortnightly entertainments in the park during the summer months.

KATOOMBA, Wednesday.

Last quarter there were 15 births, 7 deaths, 4 marriages.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

A debate between representatives of the local labour league and the mutual improvement society on the question of the reduction of members resulted on a vote of the audience in a tie, after which the chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the reduction.

The Hartley district eight-hour committee has decided to ask the assistance of the members for the Nepean, Macquarie, Kylstone, and Mudgee in securing the extension of the local eight-hour holiday to those portions of their respective electorates which adjoin the Hartley Electorate.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.

It is understood that the Water and Sewerage Board has consented to erect a standpipe at the water main on St. John's-road, Green Valley, for the benefit of the people of the locality, and Mr. T. Wearne has written to the municipal authorities at Cabramatta and Canley Vale and Liverpool, requesting them to jointly clear the road leading to the standpipe.

At the Liverpool Police Court yesterday, during the hearing of a case between two Indians, some witnesses for the defence were prevented from giving evidence owing to the absence of a Koran. Mr. Richardson, who appeared for defendant, suggested that the Bench endorse an application from the C.P.S., for the book. The C.P.S. stated that he had previously applied for a Koran, but had not received it.

MILLTHORPE, Wednesday.

A warden's court is being established here, and a bailiff is being appointed. Great inconvenience is arising from the delay in the appointment of a warden's clerk. Formal business for this court has to be transacted at Orange.

TUMBERUMBA, Wednesday.

Constable Young, of Barlow, has been transferred to Tarcutta; Senior-Constable Nixon, from Tarcutta to Coolamon, in charge. Constable Hennessey, of Adelong, relieving at Tumberumba, succeeds Constable R. Wilson, resigned.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly election of officers of the Parramatta branch of the Australian Natives' Association took place on Monday evening, when the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. J. Taylor; vice-president, Mr. A. H. Collett; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Saunders; secretary, Mr. A. G. Cox; assistant secretary, Mr. T. J. Clarke; auditors, Messrs. W. James and F. Burgin; managing committee, Messrs. E. J. Tierney, E. Connolly, J. W. Hill, S. Perry, and F. S. Hunt. A special vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. F. S. Hunt for his services as secretary, and regret expressed that he could not continue to hold that office.

METHODIST CHURCH.

As a result of the union of the Methodist bodies in Parramatta it has been found necessary to have a place of worship in Parramatta North, consequently the old Wesleyan Centenary schoolroom has been thoroughly renovated and made very comfortable. On Sunday the reopening services were held, when there were large congregations. On Tuesday evening a social was held, when the building was crowded, many being unable to gain admittance. There were representatives from all denominations present, and an excellent musical programme was gone through. The Rev. Dr. Sellors presided, and addressed the gathering. Congratulatory addresses were also delivered by Mr. T. R. Moxham, M.L.A., and Mr. G. Bean.

At the Parramatta Police Court yesterday morning, before Mr. T. E. MacNevin, P.M., and Mr. J. Waugh, J.P., Morris Jacobs, of Clyde, was charged with not allowing a half-holiday to an assistant employed in his shop. A second count was that of causing his assistant to work over 60 hours in contravention of the provisions of the Act. In each case the defendant was fined 2s 6d and 4s 10d costs. Henry Wallace, also of Clyde, was fined 1s with 6s 8d costs for neglecting to allow a half-holiday to an assistant in his shop.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE

THE TURF.

The Metal gelding Steelrail, with Wright up, did some excellent practice over the Randwick schooling hurdles yesterday morning.

Negrito has been scratched out of the Clarendon Handicap to be run at the Hawkesbury Race Club's meeting next Saturday.

Brokerage and Pukana left last evening by the mail train for Melbourne to fulfil their Grand National engagements.

"Galtee Moro" left by train last evening to represent the "Sydney Morning Herald" and the "Sydney Mail" at the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase Meeting.

Entries close at 5 p.m. to-morrow with the secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara, for the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington on Wednesday next. The card appears in the advertising columns.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NEWS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Not much business was transacted in the betting market to-day. Holkar and Rawdon were nominal favourites for the Grand National Hurdle Race at 7 to 1, with 10 to 1 on offer bar two. Foam and Coat of Arms were backed for a little money at 100 to 8, and they were also taken in doubles with the Grand National Steeplechase candidates.

Slow Dick and Lord Roberts were scratched to-day for the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race.

WALLSEND JOCKEY CLUB.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The July Meeting of the Wallsend Jockey Club was held to-day. Following are the results:—

Shorts Handicap of 30 sovs., 6 furlongs 20 yards.—Mr. Thomas Cook's b m Lady Laura, by Rosnalt—Laura, 5 years, 9st (Stanton), 1; Mr. W. Kennedy's b g Quicksand, aged, 7st 9lb (Cleal), 2; Mr. P. M'Carthy's c g Salvous, aged, 8st 3lb (M'Carthy), 3. Other starters: Beware, 7st 4lb; Mav, 6st 10lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Lady Laura. Won by a head after a good race. Salvous was a length further away, third. Time, 1 minute 18½ seconds.

Flying Welter of 25 sovs., 6 furlongs 20 yards.—Mr. James O'Donnell's b m Miss Minerva, by Tortworth—Minerva, 6 years, 8st 12lb (Simmons), 1; Mr. R. H. Hoare's b m Molly Butler, 4 years, 7st 9lb (Drummond), 2; Mr. S. Dunning's c g Glen, 5 years, 8st (Inkpen), 3. Other starters: Harry N., 8st 2lb; Moselbush, 7st 7lb; Bequest, 7st 7lb; Joe, 7st 7lb; Fusain, 7st 7lb and 3lb over. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Miss Minerva. The winner led from the start to the finish, and won by 10 lengths. Time, 1 minute 18½ seconds.

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Slow Dick and Lord Roberts were scratched to-day for the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race.

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Meetings

NOTICE.

PROPOSED PRESENTATION
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PORTRAIT BY *LONGSTAFF*
of her Majesty QUEEN ALEXANDRA
to the
NATIONAL ART GALLERY OF N.S.W.

In compliance with the request of a Deputation of those interested in the above movement, I have great pleasure in inviting the WOMEN of N.S.W. to attend a Public MEETING at the Town Hall, Sydney, on THURSDAY, 3rd JULY, at 3 p.m., to appoint an Executive Committee and other Honorary Officers to carry out the proposal.

LOUISA HUGHES,
Mayoress of Sydney.

Town Hall,
Sydney, 18th June, 1902.

HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.

MONSTER
PUBLIC MEETING
in the
TOWN HALL, SYDNEY,
on
MONDAY EVENING NEXT, JULY 7.

The MAYOR OF SYDNEY will Preside.

The Speakers will include Public Men prominent in Federal and State Politics.

ECONOMIC SECTION—ROYAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

A MEETING of the Members will be held in the Royal Society's House, 5 Elizabeth-street North, THIS EVENING, at 8-30 o'clock, when a Paper will be read by R. L. NASH, Esq. (Daily Telegraph), entitled "Bank Notes versus Government Notes."

A. DUCKWORTH,
Hon. Sec. of Section.

You are invited to introduce a friend.

THE NORTH COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S HEAD OFFICE, 3 Bridge-street North, on WEDNESDAY, 23rd July, 1902, at 11.30 a.m.—To receive the Report of the Directors for the Half-year ending 30th June, 1902, and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting in conformity with the Articles of the Association.
By order of the Board of Directors.
ROBERT A. BELL, Manager.

July 1st, 1902.

The SHARE REGISTER will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 23rd instant.

THE SESSIONS of the PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION will be continued at the Girls' High School, THIS MORNING, at 10 o'clock.
Conference medicine only will be taken.

THE PASTORALISTS' UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES (Industrial Union of Employers).—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.—The Twelfth Annual General MEETING of the Members of the above Union will be held at the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, Sydney, at 7.30 o'clock THIS EVENING, Thursday, 3rd July.
JOHN MAIE,
Secretary.

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.—The Session will be continued THIS MORNING at the Girls' High School, Castlereagh-street, at 10 a.m. Conference motions only will be taken. W. JONES, Hon. Secretary, Public School, North Sydney.

LODGE No. 30 MARKS TO-NIGHT at 8, Presbyterian Hall, Oxford-st., Paddington. H. Morton, sec.

NOTICE.—ORDER, I.O.L., holds an A.P. Meeting To-night at 8, Foresters' Hall, Waverley; visitors invited.

NOTICE.—ST. GILBERT meets To-night, Odd'f. Hall, Ashfield, 8. Important bus. Visitors inv. J. W. Marshall, reg.

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Government Notices.

NOTIFICATION OF RESUMPTION UNDER THE "PUBLIC WORKS ACT, 1900."

PROCLAMATION.
New South Wales, to wit.

By his Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Vice-Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.
(L.S.) HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

WHEREAS by an Act of the Parliament of the then colony of New South Wales, No. 83 of 1900, intituled "The City Railway Extension (Devonshire-street) Act, 1900," the carrying out of the work more particularly described in the schedule thereto, that is to say, the construction of a New Railway Terminus at the north side of Devonshire-street, as in the said Schedule set out, including the building inter alia of all road approaches, and subject to such deviations and modifications as might be considered desirable by the Constructing Authority, was duly sanctioned, and the Secretary for Public Works, or the Member of the Executive Council for the time being performing the duties of the said Secretary, was thereby authorised to undertake and carry out the said work subject to the provisions of the said Act, and for that purpose should be and should have the powers and duties of a Constructing Authority within the meaning of the Public Works Act, 1900: And whereas certain lands have from time to time been taken and appropriated for and in connection with the said work: And whereas the land described in the Schedule hereto is also required for and in connection with the said work so authorised to be carried out under the said Act No. 83 of 1900, that is to say, for the approaches to the New Central Railway Station in the City of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales: Now, I, the Governor aforesaid, with the advice of the Executive Council of the said State, in pursuance of the provisions of Division 1 of Part V. of the Public Works Act, 1900, do, by this notification to be published in the Government Gazette and in one or more newspapers published or circulated in the Police District wherein the said land is situated, declare that the Crown Land comprised within the description set forth in the Schedule hereto has been appropriated, and the private property within such description has been resumed, for the public purpose aforesaid, to the intent that upon the publication of this notification in the Government Gazette the said land described in the Schedule hereto shall forthwith be vested in the said Minister for Public Works as Constructing Authority on behalf of his Majesty, for the purposes of the said Public Works Act, 1900, for an estate in fee simple, freed and discharged from all trusts, obligations, estates, interests, contracts, charges, rates, rights-of-way, or other easements whatsoever; and to the intent that the legal estate therein, together with all powers incident thereto or conferred by law or said Act, in connection therewith, shall be vested in such Constructing Authority as a Trustee; and I declare that the following is the Schedule of the land hereinbefore referred to:—

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Funerals

VENESS.—The Friends of the late Mr. JOHN VENESS are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his sister's residence (Mrs. South's), Allison-road, Randwick, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Long Bay Cemetery.
P. BYRNES and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.
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DEUCHARS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN DEUCHARS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Ada Isabel, which will move from their residence, Red Rush, 182 Evans-street, Balmain (Rozelle), THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock, for Necropolis.
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M'INTOSH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS M'INTOSH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Alice, which will move from Balmain Hospital, Beattie-street, Balmain, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock, for Necropolis.
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HIGGINSON.—The Friends and Relatives of THOMAS P. HIGGINSON (late guard, Sydney railway, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Tarana, Dicks-m-street, Newtown, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood.
T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker,
Tel., 138 N. Railway Bridge, Newtown.

U.A.O.D., Beach of Oak Lodge.—Officers and Members are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of our late BROTHER, Thos. P. Higginson; to move from his late residence, Tarana, Dixon-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Rookwood. C. BIDDULPH, Arch Druid: WM. TURNELL, Secretary.

WELLS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM WELLS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER, Veronica Hilda, which will leave their residence, 2 Hughes-terrace, Elizabeth-street, Waterloo, THIS AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis. J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

COLE.—The Friends of Mrs. ANNE COLE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, Charles Herman Cole; to move from her residence, Tivoli, Alma-street, Paddington, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., for St. Jude's Cemetery, Randwick. CHAS. KINSELA, 181 Oxford-street, &c. Tel., 997.

CLIFF.—The Friends of Mrs. JOHN CLIFF, Sen., are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND; to leave Medlow for Blackheath at 2.30 p.m., THIS DAY, Thursday.
JOHN CHANDLER, Undertaker, Katoomba.

CLIFF.—The Friends of JOHN and THOMAS CLIFF are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER; to leave Medlow for Blackheath at 2.30 p.m., THIS DAY, Thursday.
JOHN CHANDLER, Undertaker, Katoomba.

THE Funeral of the late HERBERT LOUIS PRING will leave his Father's Residence, 29 Darlinghurst-road, for Waverley Cemetery, at 2.30, THIS DAY, Thursday, July 3.
WALTER STEWART, Undertaker, Bathurst-street.

WASIS.—The Relatives and Friends of PHOTIS WASIS are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave the Greek Church, Bourke-street, Surry Hills, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2.45, for Waverley Cemetery. W. J. DIXON and CO., 120 Oxford-street, city; 183 George-street West. Tel., 268.

FARRAHER.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. JOHN FARRAHER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Winifred; to leave 28 Paddington-street, Paddington, on THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2.45 for Waverley. R. C. Coventry. W. J. DIXON and CO., 120 Oxford-street, city; 183 George-street West. Tel., 268.

COSTIGAN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. HENRY R. COSTIGAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Bridget Costigan, which will move from their residence, 18 Elliott-street, Balmain, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter to 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
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BROWN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM BROWN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SON, Frederick M. S.; to leave their residence, 81 Military-road, Neutral Bay, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3.30, for St. Thomas' Cemetery.
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SMITH.—The Friends of the late WILLIAM GEORGE SMITH are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, 408 King-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Balmain Cemetery.

SMITH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE SUTHERLAND are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SON, William George Smith; to leave their residence, 408 King-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Balmain Cemetery.

SMITH.—The Friends of JAMES, JOSIAH, and AMOS SMITH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved BROTHER, William George Smith; to leave his parents' residence, 408 King-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Balmain Cemetery.

SMITH.—The Friends of Mr. A. H. A. BENJAMIN, Mr. and Mrs. FRED. WHEELER, Jun., are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved BROTHER, William George Smith; to leave his parents' residence, 408 King-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Balmain Cemetery.

SMITH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE SHEDFORD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved NEPHEW, William George Smith; to leave his parents' residence, 408 King-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Balmain Cemetery.

SMITH.—The Friends of Miss GERTIE HUNTER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late FRIEND, William George Smith; to leave his parents' residence, 408 King-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Balmain Cemetery.
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HUNKS.—The Friends of JAMES HUNKS are respectfully invited to attend Funeral of his dearly beloved SON, Hercules Robinson; to move from his late residence, Grose-street, Parramatta, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for St. John's Cemetery, Parramatta.
WILLIAM METCALFE, Undertaker, Parramatta.

JONES.—The Friends of late WILLIAM JONES are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Lennox-street, Parramatta, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Baptist Cemetery, Parramatta. WILLIAM METCALFE, Undertaker, Parramatta.

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